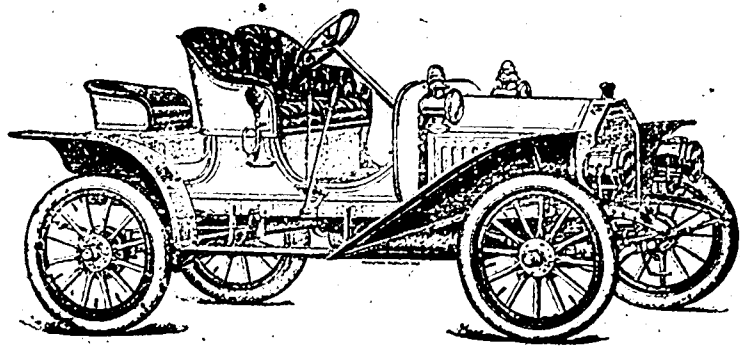


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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Word has been received that B. C. Boyd, who left Littleton five weeks ago, has purchased one fourth section of land in Newkirk, Oklahoma. One hundred acres will be planted with corn.

A company of ten young men from the English high school in Somerville is spending a week at Camp Pleasant, Spectacle Pond. Leslie Harlow, son of Mrs. Mary Kimball Harlow, is the leader in the party.

The new superintendent of schools has arrived in town and assumed his duties. He will later move into the Frost house, where his predecessor has lived.

Roger Priest is prospecting at Amherst Agricultural college.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler, former residents of Littleton, with Mr. Wheeler's partner, Mr. Wilson, were at Dr. J. N. Murray's Sunday.

Hon. Arthur Peck and Mrs. Peck sailed Wednesday in the Canopic for Europe. Mrs. W. H. Tenney and daughter accompanied them to the wharf.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barker arrived home from California, Sunday night. A pleasant return welcome was given them in an informal way Monday evening, about twenty of the neighbors calling for a few hours of sociability.

Charles F. Atkins began his new work as assistant pastor to Rev. Eugene M. Antrim of Trinity M. E. church, Springfield, April 10. Mr. Atkins has charge of a bible class of men numbering 314.

Littleton farmers are showing considerable sympathy with the milk strike. Eighty of the usual 300 cans sent daily from this station on the Fitchburg division are now shipped. The milk formerly shipped from North Littleton station is taken to the Acton creamery. Should every town stand firmly as one body like Greenville, N. H., the contractors might be brought to terms and the farmers enjoy a little of the prosperity that they now read about.

Paul Brown is having a garage made.

C. A. Kimball and family spent last Sunday at Mrs. Kimball's former home in Groton where her father's eightieth

birthday was observed by a quiet gathering of the three children and eight grandchildren. Capt. Palmer is in excellent health and bears his eighty years very lightly.

Miss Margaret Thacher and four schoolmates from Laselle, representing four states, were at the former's home Sunday and Monday. Among the company was Miss Caroline Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Marsh of Colorado. Mrs. Marsh was Miss Atlanta Tuttle previous to her marriage, and Mr. Marsh was one of the first chemists at the Avery Chemical works.

Wallace Robinson was at home over Sunday, also, Richard Conant. Miss Clara Fletcher has been spending the week at home.

Lawns and shrubs are receiving special care, and if increased efforts of the Improvement society, individual owners of property, and the vast numbers of trees and shrubs received at the station indicate anything, it means that our people are taking unusual interest in the village beautiful.

Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence entertained ten of her young friends in the neighborhood last Saturday evening. The time was spent very pleasantly in a social way, making candy, etc. Mrs. Lawrence has a special fondness for young people and understands the art of entertaining them.

William L. Kimball, our former townsman, begins this week on a contract for a residence for Mrs. Oakes Ames of North Easton. It will cost about \$100,000, and is to be so far as possible, wholly fire proof, no wood being used, except in doors and sashes. There will also be built under Mr. Kimball's supervision, several miles of macadam road on the estate. During the progress of this work he will be furnished an automobile for his own special use.

John Hardy and family moved back to Arlington, Tuesday. It is reported that he will take possession of his newly-purchased farm next fall.

Mrs. William Newell, formerly of Littleton, is visiting Madam Lucy Harwood.

Elmer Kimball of Worcester academy is reported out of health and in care of a physician.

Mrs. Fred S. Kimball and Mrs. Wal-

lace B. Conant last Saturday attended their fraternity meeting of Boston University held in the Y. W. rooms.

Fifty-five Jersey cows were received at the U. S. quarantine, Thursday night of last week.

At the installation of Rev. C. A. Drummond, pastor of the First Congregational Unitarian society in Somerville, Friday evening, May 6, the following persons took part: Prayer, Rev. C. L. Noyes, D. D.; scripture reading, Rev. P. G. Favor; sermon, Rev. S. A. Elliot, D. D.; prayer of installation, Rev. Edward Cummings; charge to minister, Rev. S. McCord Crothers; right hand of fellowship, Rev. W. C. Pierce; address to people, Rev. W. H. Pierson; prayer, Rev. H. D. Maxwell; benediction, Rev. C. A. Drummond.

Frank Litchfield of South Littleton is helping the farmers out by making butter. Tuesday he put 150 cans through the separator and made 100 pounds of butter. Many of the farmers have taken their milk to Walter H. Titcomb of Newtown, who has put it through his separator, the owners afterwards converting the cream into butter at their own homes.

Owing to the thunder shower that came up just at the time appointed for meeting, the Improvement society was poorly attended Tuesday evening. Consequently there will be an adjourned meeting next Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock in the selectmen's room. Various committees will report their plans for improvement of the triangles at different parts of the town and other matters of interest to the society. The public will be pleased to learn that a fountain is to be placed at the Centre. The name of the donor will be announced later.

Not a little unpleasantness was caused last Monday evening, by the rowdiness of a few boys who started out with the apparent intention of hanging May baskets. Women and children were frightened, and in one instance the safety of a quiet, inoffensive family was threatened. A little innocent fun, such as the hanging of May baskets may be tolerated, although flower gardens and other property may occasionally suffer, but when one carries the matter so far as to deliberately thrust a brick in through the window of a house where the family is quietly spending the evening, he is bordering on barbarism and need not expect to escape the penalty prescribed by law.

Rev. E. G. Hayes of Acton Centre will preach at the Congregational church tomorrow.

Littleton high school boys play the Pepperell high school team today.

Twenty-five of the Junior Endeavors of the Baptist society enjoyed a social evening with games and refreshments at the parsonage last Saturday from four to eight o'clock.

Mrs. Mary J. Kimball, who several weeks ago met with a painful accident, is reported as making very satisfactory improvement. She is able to sit up for a short time each day and is gaining strength gradually.

Miss Marion Prouty has been a visitor in her brother Fred's house at Clinton several days the past week. While there she attended the May festival which she much enjoyed.

The Dippman family has left town to take up their residence in Mansfield, Ohio, where Mr. Dippman has secured a good position in a webbing factory. Mrs. Dippman and Misses Etta and Mary left Wednesday for Connecticut where they will visit friends while their goods are in transit.

Monday night the Endeavor society of the Congregational church entertained the Misses Dippman very pleasantly at Elmer Fletcher's home. The evening was spent in playing games and a general social. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. In behalf of the church Mr. Humphries, the clerk, presented the two guests of honor with a sum of money as an expression of the good will and the appreciation of their church friends for the service in music so freely and ably rendered during the residence of the Dippman family in town.

William K. Dodds has purchased of Charles Watts the historic "long store" and fifteen acres of land on Great road.

Elmer Flagg has bought the George W. Whitcomb place at the Common, recently the property of Edwin N. Robinson.

The tenement recently vacated by the Dippman family is reported as rented to George Howard.

Miss Miriam Davis of Concord, sister of Miss Grace Davis, prima teacher, will sing at the Unitarian church, Sunday morning.

There will be two auctions in town next week. The John Dalley farm and personal property will be sold May 10, and the personal property of the buildings at the station, formerly the property of the late A. W. Sawyer, will be sold at an all-day auction Saturday, May 14, at ten a. m., F. Farther, auctioneer.

At the morning service of the Unitarian church, last Sunday, the three little children of Mr. and Mrs. S. O'Bannon were christened.

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"The christian graces" will be the subject of the C. E. meetings at Baptist and Orthodox churches, Sunday evening. Mrs. J. C. Dodge will conduct that at the former church.

The Volunteer hose company of the webbing factory held a popular dance last week Thursday night at town hall. Wilson's orchestra of Fitchburg furnished the music. The boys were well patronized and made a financial success that gratified their most sanguine desires. The receipts are to be used for the purchase of hats, coats, boots and other equipment worn in fighting fire. The firm had already provided part of the company with the necessary equipment for drill and the

boys can now get out the rest of the hose department.

The Woman's club will meet in the Unitarian vestry, Monday afternoon, May 9, to hear and act on reports of the various officers and committees and elect officers for next year. An informal expression of ideas for next year's program will be called for, also a report of afternoons spent at other clubs by those who have enjoyed such privileges during this year. Please come prepared to pay club dues.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton attended the installation of Rev. Chester A. Drummond in Somerville, Friday evening. She was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Fred Parker of Highland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cash gave a party in honor of their daughter, Miriam last Friday evening. About thirty young people were present and enjoyed an evening of games, at the close of which, a dainty supper was served.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith and Mrs. John Mallick and son were among the friends who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peck to the steamer last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Peck were pleased to find among the passengers acquaintances whose plans for traveling abroad were previously unknown to them.

Mrs. C. V. Flagg has been spending the week at her parents' home in Fitchburg.

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WESTFORD.

Centre.

The Edward M. Abbott Hose Co. held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening. The suppers that have been served during the winter at these meetings have been discontinued for the summer and Tuesday evening a practical drill and try-out was held. Three hydrants on School street were opened and tested. The members afterward adjourned to their headquarters and the annual meeting with elections of officers was held with the following result: J. Herbert Fletcher, capt.; Leonard W. Wheeler, 1st lieutenant; Edward M. Abbott, 2d lieutenant; Peter Clement, steward; Aaron Tuttle, treasurer; William L. Woods, Alec Fisher and Oscar R. Spaulding, standing committee.

Miss Emily F. Fletcher is at home again after a trip of several weeks with Mrs. M. E. Elizabeth Whitney. They visited Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Atlantic City and report a most enjoyable time.

The Donald M. Camerons are at their Westford home again after spending the winter in Lowell.

Members of the Loyalty club of the Congregational church enjoyed a candy-pull at the home of Mrs. Lillian Lumbert last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin H. Foss returned to their Westford home Sunday after spending the winter at South Lake Weir, Fla., where Mr. Foss has extensive interests in orange growing.

Rev. C. H. Wheeler of Brockton gave an illustrated lecture on "Salem witchcraft," last Friday evening at the Unitarian church. The proceeds were for the benefit of the academy and will be used to purchase new pictures.

At the regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the Congregational church, C. R. Brown, a missionary was present and gave an account of his work among the sailors at T wharf, Boston, in which work he has been engaged for many years.

Members will please remember that the Tadnuck club social will take place May 17, one week later than the date given in the calendar. It will be held in the vestry of the Congregational church at three o'clock. This year the social will be limited to the members only aside from those who have helped in the season's program. This arrangement is from no lack of cordial and hospitable intention by the club but the membership fee is so modest that the sum at the disposal of the committee for the social is inadequate to making it a guest afternoon and it was deemed best not to levy an assessment.

The farmers of the town are invited to examine the new encyclopedia of agriculture, which has recently been added to the library. The work is highly endorsed, being edited by the well-known authority, L. H. Bailey of Cornell university. Each subject is treated by a specialist in that department. The books are too large and expensive for circulation, but it is hoped that they will be often consulted, and that many of the taxpayers will find them useful and consider their money wisely used.

In Operation Again.

It looks good to the residents to see the cars in operation again between the Centre and Brookside. There seems to be a well-defined purpose on all sides to make the next six months, which is to be a test, a justification of the decision of the railroad commissioners. The cars started operation Monday with a modified schedule which employs one set of men. The motorman is John Sherlocke and the conductor, Walter F. Cutter. The first car leaves the terminal at seven o'clock, connecting with the early train at Brookside and after that at quarter before the hour throughout the day until quarter before six, with the exception of a two hour interval between noon and quarter eleven and a half past one. The last car leaves Brookside for the Centre at 6:05 p. m. The schedule makes excellent connections with the Boston and Maine trains with the exception of the second morning train which requires a wait at Brookside. This is offset by accommodating the school children, the transportation of which amounts to much more than possible passengers for the train. Sunday the car will leave the Centre at 7:45 a. m., and at the quarter of seven hour thereafter until and including 3:45 p. m., with the exception of 11:45 which trip will be omitted. The car will leave Brookside at 8:05 a. m. and at five minutes past the hour thereafter, until and including 6:05 p. m., with the exception of 12:05 which will be omitted.

This schedule gives ten round trips each day. Motorman Sherlocke and conductor Cutter are to make their home in this village and have moved into O. R. Spaulding's vacant house on Main street. The Cutter family downstairs, and the Sherlocke family upstairs.

About Town.

Tuesday the body of William Arthur Mills of Lowell was brought to town and buried at Fairview cemetery. Mr. Mills had been working for a number of years in the Nichols foundry in Lowell. He leaves a wife and three children and several relatives in this town—a mother, Mrs. Hugh Mills; a brother, Herbert Mills, and a sister, Mrs. E. A. Carter; and in Billerica another sister, Mrs. Condry.

Miss Luanna Decatur, one of the popular teachers in the Somerville

schools, is having old home week at the old homestead on the Lowell road.

Bert Decatur, who has spent two years in California, was in town this week calling on the friends and scenes of his native town. The soil, climate and friendships of New England are enticing enough to keep him here.

Mrs. Clough is visiting her nephew, Rev. W. W. Fenn at Cambridge, a professor at Harvard.

Mrs. Seth Walker and little boy from Chelmsford are visiting at the Walker homestead.

At the meeting of the fire engineers last week Friday evening to organize Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher was chosen chief engineer and John Edwards, secretary. Alonzo H. Sutherland, superintendent of the Westford water company, was appointed assistant engineer.

The alleged careless burning of rubbish by campers around Flushing pond is responsible for burning on land of Mary H. Courtney, last week Friday. The prompt arrival of the fire warden and neighbors kept the fire down to four acres. Mrs. Courtney has valuable wood and timber land on the hill easterly of Long Sought pond. Cleaning up rubbish by fire is nominally right, but legally wrong from April until the near approach of winter, unless by permit of the fire warden, except on ploughed land and not within two hundred feet of woodland. The wisdom of this law is not debatable, towards it let us all be amenable.

Death.

Leo H. Kable, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kable, died early Friday morning, April 29, after an illness of pneumonia. He was a lad of fourteen, just beginning life. He leaves a mother, father and one sister.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the home of his parents in the south part of the town. There were beautiful flowers from relatives and friends. Selections were sung by Mrs. Charles H. Wright and John S. Grier and Rev. W. H. Wallace of the Congregational church officiated. Youthful friends of the deceased were the bearers—Harry Whitney, Chester Burham, Roy Bicknell, Geo. Symmes, Arthur Blaisdell and Frank Blaisdell.

W. C. T. U.

The usual monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U., met at the home of Miss Belle Walker, Wednesday afternoon. A large number were present and had a most profitable and pleasant time.

Miss Jennie Hildreth, the president opened the meeting. A letter was read from the state association telling of a large place of one hundred acres out from Boston which has been bought as a rest home. One woman contributed \$6,000 for it and the W. C. T. U. are trying to make up the rest. The temperance movement is doing a great work along this line of helping people. An account was given of the work done at the Frances Willard home. Over one thousand girls and boys may be found there in the evening, learning to sew or cook, to mend shoes and do various things.

There was some singing. Mrs. Janet Wright presiding at the piano. After the meeting there was a social hour, Miss Belle Walker herself playing with much enthusiasm on her new upright piano. Lemonade, cake and candy were served by the hostess and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Seth Walker of Chelmsford. There was a little surprise which furnished some amusement. Each one pulled a string and two of the number found gifts on their's, a first prize of a nice pocketbook by Mrs. Jennie Hildreth and a last prize of a crocheted doll by Mrs. Harmon. Miss Walker entertained with true hospitality and the Union gave her their special song of cheer as they left.

Visiting Old-time Friends.

It was very pleasant seeing William O. Patten of Worcester and his sister, Miss Mary Patten of Littleton, visiting old-time friends in this town last week. They will be remembered as members of the well-known Patten family so long identified with the best interests of the church and town when the Patten homestead was located just outside the Centre on the road to Forge Village. Mr. Patten brought pleasant reports of Charles Bannister, once of Westford and of Mrs. Elizabeth Harwood. Mr. Patten drove to Fairview cemetery to see the simple and beautiful monument which has been placed there in memory of the Harwood family by Mrs. Hobart, widow of the late vice-president Garret A. Hobart. Mrs. Hobart is a niece of Mrs. Harwood. The Harwood family was well known when they lived in Brookside many years ago and the memory of Deacon Harwood still lingers with the older members of the Congregational church who recall him as the general chorister and Sunday school superintendent.

Natt. Decatur, Jr., met with a painful accident last week while traveling by bicycle transportation near Chelmsford Centre. Some portion of the machine gave way which caused the rider to give way. The accident was nine-tenths painful and one-tenth serious. It was a very showy affair owing to the cutting of a small artery. Young Natt. is employed with Boutwell Bros., hardware, in Lowell. He will handle no hardware for a few weeks.

Annual Meeting.

At the meeting of the First Parish held in the Unitarian parlors H. V. Hildreth was chosen moderator and the same officers were elected as served last year: Abel J. Abbot, Edward Fisher, Clara Fisher, parish committee; Chas. O. Prescott, treasurer; Abel J. Abbot, clerk; W. H. H. Burbeck, H. V. Hildreth, Edward Fisher, assessors.

Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey, who has deeply at heart the best welfare of the church, was chosen again as minister.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Abbot most generously offered to pay for the redecoration of the interior of the church, which will cost about one thousand dollars. The work will be put in charge of a most artistic and skilled decorator and in the course of time the church auditorium will be very beautiful. Mrs. A. J. Abbot, who is a

most loyal church woman, and A. J. Abbot, who is devoted to the church of his father's, were made the committee to have charge of the plans.

Forge Village.

Miss Bertha Collins visited with relatives in North Billerica last Sunday.

John P. Brown of Manchester, N. H., spent the last of the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown.

The Ladies' sewing circle will meet for the rest of the season in Recreation hall, where the sewing machine, which was presented by Mrs. W. H. Fernald, has already been placed.

Dr. Howard K. Tuttle, head surgeon at the state hospital, Tewsbury, spent Friday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Sweat, prior to sailing for the Isthmus of Panama, where he is to fill a similar position at the Panama commission hospital. Dr. Tuttle ranks third in the appointments and passed his examination with high honors. He sailed from New York Friday afternoon, May 6.

Rev. Thomas L. Fisher will attend the convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which is to be held in Worcester on next Sunday, May 3. Services at St. Andrew's mission will be held in the afternoon at 4:30 p. m., instead of the evening service at seven p. m.

The Forge Village Tigers journeyed to Ayer last Saturday afternoon and was defeated by the St. Mary's to the tune of 15 to 11. The Tigers will play the Littleton Wanderers on the home grounds next Saturday afternoon. The team has just organized, the average being fourteen years.

The Forge Village Lions will play the first game of the season in the Stony Brook league, Saturday afternoon, May 7, when they cross bats with the Richmonds of Lowell. The Lions have several new players in their lineup this season. The battery will be the Spinier brothers and their work will be watched with interest.

The camping season will open at Forge pond on May 30, although quite a number have already taken possession. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and daughter Dorothy of Everett, who are at Ti-ny-co-ed; Miss Schicks and party of friends from Lowell have engaged Magnolia cottage, the property of Francis Lowther for two weeks.

Rehearsals are under way at Cameron school for Memorial day exercises, which will be held in Abbot hall on Friday evening, May 27.

Miss Mary A. Hanley, the well-known music teacher of this village, held her annual recital Wednesday evening, at her home on Central street. Over forty pupils of Miss Hanley were heard in difficult selections, which reflects great credit on their teacher. Refreshments was served during the evening.

The funeral of Joseph Lacourse, the ten months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Lacourse, who died Wednesday, April 27, took place last Friday morning. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery, Graniteville.

The monthly meeting of St. Andrew's guild was held in Recreation hall, Wednesday evening.

Graniteville.

At the 9:45 o'clock mass celebrated in St. Catherine's church, Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, announced that the church building would be entirely renovated in the very near future. The present roof that leaks so badly will be removed to be replaced by a new one, and other church repairs will be made. In fact the whole building will receive an overhauling and put in first-class shape. This new movement puts entirely the thoughts of building a new church here at the present time.

Thursday, the feast of the Ascension was celebrated in St. Catherine's church at 7:30 o'clock in the morning. On Thursday evening, the first May devotions were held commencing at the usual hour.

That much-talked-of ball game between the Westford and Graniteville clubs failed to materialize on Saturday. The forenoon proved to be so rainy, cold and disagreeable, that the managers of the two clubs decided to call it off. In the early afternoon the weather cleared very quickly and by three o'clock it was ideal for baseball. In the meantime, three or four of the local players knowing that the game had been postponed went out of town, so unfortunately the game will have to wait over for some suitable time later in the season.

On Saturday, May 7, the Graniteville baseball club will play its first game of the season in the Stony Brook league. The game will be played on the home grounds and the visiting team will be the strong Crescents of Lowell. Graniteville won the championship in the Stony Brook league of 1909, with the Crescents a close second.

O. W. Sherman, who has been visiting with his son, Dr. Sherman of this village, for the past few days, has returned to his home in Damariscotta, Maine.

A woodland fire broke out near the ball grounds on Sunday afternoon and burned about one-half an acre before it was got under control by the local firemen under Capt. J. A. Healy. The land is mostly owned by H. N. Fletcher of this village. The fire was probably caused by some careless person dropping a match among the leaves. The loss was not heavy.

LITTLETON.

The Milk War.

The milk war now on is of interest to everybody, whether engaged in the business or not. The principles involved concern all engaged in the production of food products of any kind. It must be said for the milk contractors that they are magnificent bluffers when the claim that the shutting off of forty thousand cans daily will not affect the supply of the Boston market. Evidently those arbiters of the fate of nations, the newspaper men, are worried from the way they are calling on the farmer to consider the public and pity the babies.

Why cannot the contractors consider these matters and share their profits a bit? Why put all this on the farmer?

Then the hint about legal action on a conspiracy charge is a fine bit of bluff. If the man who owns the cows, furnishes the feed and does the work necessary to produce the milk does not own the product who does?

If any court can compel a farmer to furnish milk to Boston contractors at three cents per quart, why cannot the same court compel him to furnish it at one and one-half cents?

And further why cannot the same court issue an injunction to prevent the farmer from going out of business if he finds it does not pay?

The farmers ought to welcome this issue, for if these things can be done the sooner they know it the better.

Anybody who knows anything about the cost of keeping a cow knows there is very little, if any, profit in the production of milk in winter at the current prices, and in fairness it would seem as though the milk producer ought to make a profit for five months in the year.

It would seem as though the milk producer was hedged about with difficulties enough in the way of sanitary requirements, rules by state board of health and city board of health and the necessity of keeping up to the standard of quality to justify him in demanding a profit for all his trouble.

If those knights of the quill who settle wars, milk, labor or civil, from comfortable office chairs with no other weapon than a fountain pen, could get up at four in the morning a few mornings when the thermometer was below zero, milk a dozen cows and hike out for the milk car about sunrise, they would get a different view of the milk business and be willing the farmer should get his price.

The point of the whole matter is, shall the farmer have any say in fixing the price of his product? This is the point that is causing all the worry. If the farmer has really come to his senses and will take time enough from his work to organize and fix the prices in his products, as other producers do, then certain soft-handed workers of the farmer will have to look up some other snap or go to work.

The farmers have the goods everybody must use and they have the power to fix prices that will bring them a reasonable recompense for their labors; all they need is to learn to use their power wisely and well.

Whether they win this war or not I believe the time is not far distant when they will win a lasting victory.

V. T. E.

About Town.

In the Unitarian church last Sunday morning, just before the close of the services, Mr. and Mrs. O'Banion's three little children were baptised by Rev. C. A. Drummond, the pastor.

Mrs. Newell of Brewster, widow of a former Unitarian minister here, was an over Sunday guest of Mrs. Lucy Harwood.

Miss Edith Houghton spent last Sunday at Wheaton, with her sister Lucy, where she was formerly a student.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke of South Acton were week-end guests with her sister, Mrs. C. G. Robbins.

The Unitarian Guild meeting topic, "John Calvin," is in charge of Mrs. Florence Wilcox.

Rev. C. A. Drummond left town last week Thursday, and on Friday evening he was installed as pastor of the Highland avenue Unitarian church in Somerville.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, Mrs. Adaline Knowlton and Mrs. Florence Wilcox, were delegated from the Unitarian church here to attend the installation of Rev. C. A. Drummond as pastor of the Highland avenue Unitarian church in Somerville.

Wednesday, Mrs. Annie Smith and Miss Emma Tenney went to Boston to see Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peck leave on the steamer on their European trip.

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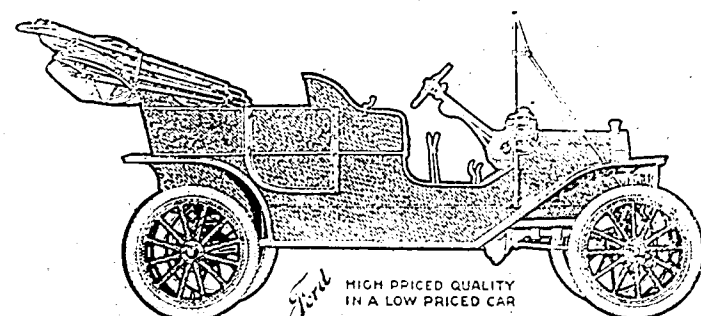
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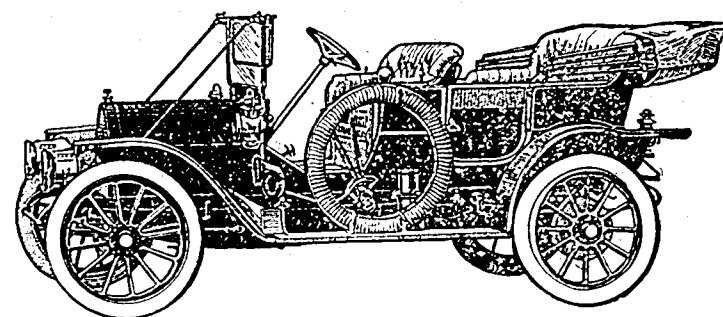
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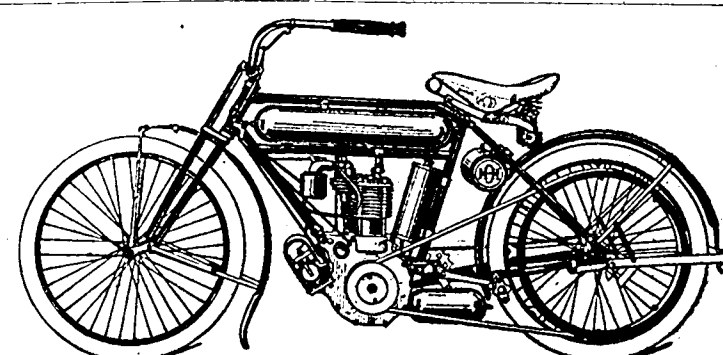
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Ayer, Mass., April 28, 1910.

SHIRLEY.

D. A. E. Meeting.

Old Shirley Chapter, D. A. E., held its regular meeting Monday evening with Mrs. Herbert Lawrence. Arrangements were made to place a laurel wreath on the revolutionary boulder at the Centre on Memorial day. The committee on getting a frame for charter, brought a frame presented by E. M. Comery, superintendent of trades school at Concord reformatory. The frame was a plate with the inscription, made from wood of the First Parish church, Concord, where the first provincial congress, John Hancock, president, was held in the year 1774. Built 1712, burned April 12, 1900. The dark places of wood set in the corners are from the Old North Bridge, where first was fired the "shot heard around the world." The engraving was done by a seventeen year old pupil who had been taking lessons five months. The Chapter expressed regret at losing Mrs. Preston, through her leaving town, and also welcomed our new member, Miss Hobbs. Mrs. Allen gave a detailed account of the annual congress which she attended.

Entertainment.

The May sale and entertainment at the Congregational church on Wednesday evening was attended by a large number of the townspeople.

The sale was in charge of the Ladies' circle of the church and the entertainment was under the direction of Mrs. Louise Butler.

The apron and miscellaneous table was in charge of Mrs. Charles Petersen, Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant. The food table in charge of Mrs. Ida M. Warren and the ice cream and cake table in charge of Mrs. Ernest Harris, while the candy table was in charge of Mrs. Walter Knowles, Mrs. Frank W. Snell and Mrs. Alice L. Wright and the beautiful flower table which was a very pretty picture, was in charge of Mrs. John G. Conant and Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy. All the tables were beautifully laden and were liberally patronized.

Miss Mildred Daniels, assistant high school teacher, played very efficiently the roll of auctioneer at the close of the sale, obtaining good prices for goods remaining unsold.

The special feature of the sale was the presentation to the Ladies' circle of a very handsome quilt by Mrs. Thos. E. Whitaker and Mrs. Benjamin, which was made by them jointly and was sold at the sale.

The program of entertainment was as follows: Phonograph selections; recitation, Kathleen Miner; piano duet, Gladys Phelps, Gladys Annis; reading, Miss Grace Adams; piano solo, Miss Eleanor Miner; reading, Miss Effie Hanna; recitation, Master Albert Dearnon.

The entertainment concluded with a funny sketch by seven young ladies and seven young gentlemen, entitled, "Why we don't marry."

The affair was a splendid social and financial success and credit is due the Ladies' circle under whose auspices it was given.

Sudden Death.

Mrs. Georgiana Tetrault, age 47 yrs. 6 mos. 2 days, died suddenly at her home on Monday morning of apoplexy. She was found in an unconscious condition by the milkman, Mr. Gunette, who called at the house to deliver milk. Mrs. Tetrault was lying on the floor, alongside of the wash tub, in an unconscious condition. About this time, 9:30, the butcher, Sylvester Thomas, also entered the home and he made haste to notify her husband, Daniel Tetrault.

Mr. Tetrault hurried to notify Dr. Pierce, who, on arrival at the house, found Mrs. Tetrault was alive, but died a few minutes afterward, never regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Tetrault had always enjoyed the very best of health and retired Sunday evening about 8:30, feeling as well as she ever did and arose at the usual time Monday morning. After the breakfast hour she started to do her washing and was alone in the house when stricken. It is supposed she had been lying on the floor about half an hour before being discovered, as about 8:30 she went into the yard to hang some clothes and while there passed the time of day with her next door neighbor, who was in the adjoining yard.

Neighbors and friends speak in the highest terms of Mrs. Tetrault, who was a quiet woman, fond of her home and family and possessed a cheerful disposition.

She is survived by a husband, a daughter, Valedo Tetrault, and two sons, Alfred and Ovidia. The family moved to Shirley from Fitchburg three years ago.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at St. Anthony's church and burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery.

Alliance Meeting.

The Woman's Alliance of the First Parish church, Shirley Centre, held its annual meeting at the church parlors on Friday afternoon of last week. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the society to be in an active and flourishing condition. The year's calendar was adopted and the following officers were elected: Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, pres.; Mrs. T. L. Hazen, vice-pres.; Mrs. Agnes M. Holden, rec. sec.; Mrs. E. E. Edgerton, cor. sec.; Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, treas.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be held with the president, Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, on Thursday, May 12. Topic for the afternoon, "Observance of the Sabbath" to be discussed by all the members. The discussion to be opened by Miss Agnes M. Holden.

Four large bags of old clothing have been sent recently by the Alliance to the Morgan Memorial Relief association at Boston.

News Items.

Mothers' Sunday will be observed at the Congregational church on Sunday, May 8, which is generally known as "White carnation Sunday" with an appropriate sermon by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon. Those who attended Mothers' Sunday last year remember

with pleasure the loving and beautiful memories of the day. Each one attending the service Sunday morning will wear white carnations, which will be distributed at the church to all who enter. There will also be special music to correspond with the service and everyone is cordially invited.

Miss Hazel Allen, whose engagement to Rev. T. J. Farmer was announced last Thanksgiving, was given a white shower at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn, last week Friday evening. Miss Allen arrived on the 8:28 train from Boston and was surprised to find about thirty of her friends ready to greet her. She was the recipient of many beautiful and dainty gifts. After an evening of merry making, including a song written especially for the occasion, refreshments were served.

The senior class of the Boston university law school held its banquet at the Boston City club Monday evening. Nearly one hundred members of the class and guests were present. The reception committee included W. Lloyd Allen of Shirley, chairman and president of the first division of the class.

Miss Grace Adams led the C. E. meeting at the Congregational church last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson have arrived in town from Providence, R. I., Mr. Simpson starting to work Monday for the C. A. Edgerton Co.

The Joseph Provost family has occupied the house recently vacated by William Preston. The house Mr. Provost left will be thoroughly repaired before being rented.

H. O. Dow spent a few days this week in Franklin, N. H., with his wife and young son, Master Lee, who have been visiting relatives in that place for a few weeks past.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Wilson went to Beverly last Saturday. Mr. Wilson returning first of the week. Mrs. Wilson will remain there at the home of her parents for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Westphalen has resigned his position as draughtsman at the Samsong cordage works, accepting a similar position in Boston, where he started to work Monday morning.

Julian Lecuyer of Fitchburg was a visitor at the home of Richard Cormier last Sunday.

Henry Arsenault, Thomas Stevens and Joseph Chaisson of Lawrence were visiting relatives and friends in town last Sunday.

A son was born Sunday, May 1, to Mr. and Mrs. George Dinsmore.

John Bossoneau and young grandchild of Worcester is visiting his nephew, Joseph Peneseau and other relatives in Shirley.

At the session of the Sunday school at the Congregational church last Sunday, Mrs. Alice L. Wright gave a general report of the transactions at the Sunday school convention held in Ayer last week Tuesday. Mrs. Wright is district secretary of the elementary grades.

C. W. Wolff has an Elmore automobile that he bought in Worcester last Saturday.

E. A. Mills and G. D. McIntyre of Leominster, former residents, visited friends and relatives in town last Sunday.

Frank Balcom of Baldwinville paid a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Balcom, last Sunday, making the trip in the new automobile he recently purchased.

During the month of May there will be prayers in St. Anthony's church every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:15.

The Churches.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon will occupy his pulpit as usual Sunday morning at 10:15 a. m. There will also be a preaching service in the evening at seven o'clock. The regular meeting of the C. E. being omitted.

Services as usual at the Baptist church, Sunday morning at 10:45, evening at seven.

Rev. C. A. Kneckerbocker will occupy his pulpit at the Universalist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Regular meeting of the Y. P. C. U. in the vestry at seven p. m.

Centre.

A good number were present at the grange meeting Tuesday evening and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

The farce, entitled "Her busy day," will be given by Shirley grange in the town hall on Thursday evening, May 10. Dancing will follow the entertainment and a table of aprons and other useful articles will be on sale during the evening. Ice cream and cake will also be on sale.

The dance held by the graduates of the Shirley high school in the town hall last week Friday, was a great success. Two large loads came from the Village. Music was furnished by Mrs. May Wadsworth. Brockelman Bros. served ice cream and cake during the intermission. All who attended had a delightful time.

Mr. Dudley and Mr. Sinclair have moved into the Hugh Mitchell place.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Fessenden and their daughter Ruth of Amesbury, are visiting with Mrs. Fessenden's father, John C. Ayers.

The milk strike which was called for May 1, was very poorly responded to by the Shirley farmers, as only two of them held back their milk.

On Tuesday, May 3, a class of five were confirmed in Trinity chapel by Bishop Lawrence. Those who were confirmed were: Marlon Holden, Arthur Holden, Edith Longley, Lottie Craft and Robert Holden.

O. I. Cutler has moved into the Thaddeus Balcom place.

Mr. Arthur has had put up for him, a large water tank in the rear of his barn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Bolton are in town for a few days.

William E. Barnard has had a dormer window added to his house which makes the chambers larger and when it is completed it will be very much improved.

TOWNSEND.

Center. The Monday club held its annual business meeting this week. Mrs.

Florence M. Fessenden acting as hostess. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. Carrie M. Doane, pres.; Gertrude M. Piper, vice-pres.; Helen Potter Fessenden, sec. and treas.; Evelyn L. Warren, Margaret B. Higgins, dir. Refreshments were served and several musical selections enjoyed.

Edgar Wilson and Miss Katherine McKenzie of this town were married at Nashua last Saturday. The happy couple enjoyed a wedding dinner with the bride's aunt at Nashua. Sunday they arrived home and will reside for the present with Mr. Wilson's parents at the home place. The bride is a graduate of the high school class of '09, and the friends of both bride and groom wish them much happiness in years to come.

Mrs. Joseph Smith has been entertaining Miss Taylor, a nurse from Fitchburg, this week, and returned to Fitchburg with her for a brief visit among relatives and friends.

An eight and one-half pound boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bumstead on Monday, May 2.

About twenty-four young friends and schoolmates of Miss Ethel Upham attended her birthday party Friday afternoon and evening, April 29, and enjoyed a delightful time. Miss Upham was thirteen years old and received several nice presents. Games were played and supper served.

Mrs. Frank Shirley of Lynn has been making a few days' stay at H. B. Hildreth's, postmaster.

Officers appointed by the board of selectmen to serve for the ensuing year:

A. J. Atwood, C. B. Shaw, R. S. Ely, L. G. Chandler, H. B. Boynton, G. A. Wilder, F. B. Higgins, board of health; A. H. Bumstead, sealer of weights and measures; L. T. Parker, burial agent; to have charge of honorably discharged soldiers or sailors who may die in Townsend without leaving means to defray funeral expenses: F. J. Piper, A. N. Fessenden, R. A. Lancy, C. T. McDorman, J. J. Harvey, F. A. Greenleaf, F. J. Knight, C. B. Stickney, R. G. Fessenden, board of engineers; I. A. Seaver, registrar of voters for three years.

The Congregational pulpit will be occupied Sunday, May 8, by Rev. Edward C. Porter of Dorchester.

The high school boys played a closely contested tie game with the Lawrence academy seconds at Athletic park last Saturday, the score being 2 to 2 at the end of the ninth inning, and it could not be played off on account of the visitors having to depart on the night train. The Harvard high school team will play them here this Saturday.

Well Patronized.

The sale, escalloped supper and entertainment held by the L. B. S. at the Congregational vestries last Friday night was well patronized and the vestries were nearly filled for the evening's entertainment, which was of a pleasing variety as follows:

Piano duet; two-act farce, "Mrs. Oakley's telephone," with four characters—Mrs. Oakley, Mrs. R. G. Fessenden; Constance, her friend, Mrs. A. N. Fessenden; Mary, the cook, Mrs. F. M. Warren; Emma, the maid, Mrs. C. F. Worcester. This was a cute sketch about the trials of telephoning. There were two solos by Robert Copeland; song by Masters James Keene and Howard Eastman and readings by Miss Ruth Morse and Master George Way, which greatly added to the evening's pleasure. A repeating contest was won by Will Copeland, as the one who held out the longest in exactly repeating long sentences. During the evening the L. B. S. presented Mrs. Anna Bliss with a handsome star quilt as a token of their appreciation of the work she has done in the society. Mrs. A. J. Atwood made the presentation.

West. Miss Mabel Flint from Everett, a former teacher of the primary school here, now teaching in Danvers, has been spending a few days with Miss Blanche Sprague at G. A. Seaver's.

Miss Helen Troupe from Quincy and Mrs. Keefe from Boston, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ely.

Ralph Willard from Boston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willard.

Miss Alice O'Connell, a former resident here, is visiting Mrs. Louis Welch.

Miss Maud Hodgdon from Reading is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.

Miss Inez McElligott and Miss Agnes Thompson have been entertaining two of their schoolmates from New London academy, N. H.

Mrs. Anson Streeter from Winthrop, visited Mrs. Mary Streeter of Joslynville last week.

At the meeting of the Men's club Tuesday evening, it was voted to adjourn till the first Tuesday evening in November, and a committee consisting of Alexander Reed, Andrew Watts and C. R. Willard was chosen to prepare a list of topics for use during the coming year.

Miss Emily Orr, who has been caring for a sick relative in Lynn during the winter, has returned to her tenement in the Manning house for a season.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Sawtelle returned the first of the week from a visit to relatives in Lynn.

Mrs. Herman Stickney and little son Ralph spent Sunday with her sons in Leominster.

Mrs. Simon Francis and her granddaughter, Josephine Phelps, have returned from a visit to Mrs. Francis' daughter, Mrs. Phelps in Fitchburg.

Richard McElligott, who has been spending the winter in the south, has returned to his home here.

Mr. Kimball and family from Ayer have moved to the Robbins place near the town farm.

Miss Blanche Hall from Brookline, N. H., has been a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webster.

The regular annual business meeting of the Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society was held at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence last Wednesday afternoon and tea was served at the

close of the afternoon session. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Louise McElligott, pres.; Mrs. Ellen Pratt, vice-pres.; Mrs. Edward A. Craig, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Ella Wilson, Mrs. Charles E. Patch, Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, who have been spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt Ellis, have returned to their home in South Framingham.

Mrs. Gould from Roxbury has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Davis.

Mr. Stone from Sterling, who was expected to occupy the Baptist pulpit Sunday is unable to come, and in this writing it is not definitely known who will supply.

Charity services will be held in the church hall, Sunday afternoon, May 8, at three o'clock. Rev. G. A. Greenleaf from Ashby officiating.

Mr. Charles Upton from Greenville, N. H., supplied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday, as Mr. Eaton, who was expected to be unable to be present. Mr. W. L. Stone from Sterling is expected to preach next Sunday.

Very Successful.

The minstrel show recently presented at the Centre by the young men of Townsend was repeated in Seminary hall last week Friday evening, to a large audience and proved very successful in every respect. A change of program from the first performance was made, and local hits and jokes were plentiful and well received. The vocal selections were heartily applauded, and nearly everyone was enraptured. The end men were Lawrence Morgan and Fred Ross from Townsend Harbor, and John Manchester of this village acted as interlocutor. Clog dancing by B. Tumber of this place and a cornet solo by J. Hennessy from the Harbor won great applause, and the solos by young Master Keefe of the Harbor was enthusiastically received.

The second part of the program consisted of solos by the popular soloist John Manchester, which proved extremely pleasing to the audience and the amusing farce, "The haunted house," given by Lawrence Morgan, Mr. Ross and Mr. Taylor. At the close of the entertainment dancing was enjoyed until one o'clock.

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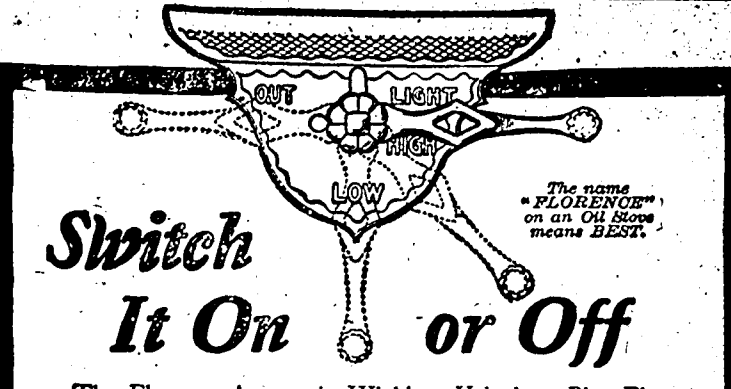
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GROTON.

News Items.

Harvard 1913 defeated Groton school on Monday afternoon, May 2, 8 to 4. William P. Brazer, aged eighty-nine, one of the oldest business men in Lowell, died at his home in that city, April 29. Mr. Brazer was born in Groton and belonged to the family prominent here many years ago. He attended Lawrence academy and when a young man went to Lowell and was in the hat and general furnishing goods business there for over half a century. It was from this family that the Brazer house, the home of the head-master of Lawrence academy is named.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence and their daughters, Miss Hester and Miss Mary Lawrence, who went abroad the latter part of February, returned on the Zealand on Wednesday and are at their country seat. They were in England and on the continent, and passed a considerable part of the time in Spain. Their arrival was fortunate at this time, although sad, in one respect, as Col. Francis Peabody of Danvers, Mrs. Lawrence's uncle, at the good old age of seventy-nine years died a day or two after their return home.

It was communion season at the Congregational church on Sunday, May 1, and ten of our young people united with the church.

Mrs. Appleton H. Torrey continues to make improvement from her illness.

The alarm for fire given last week Friday, was in house of Lawrence academy, called the Condy house, occupied by C. A. Cross, near Shumway field. There was quite a serious fire at the same place in January of last year, and a chimney fire there about two weeks ago. This third fire of last week failed to do much damage, notwithstanding the old saying about the third time.

Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell entertained the Shakespeare club at her home this week.

Miss Hannah Hallissey and Miss Alice J. Dodge attended the play given by the Vincent club in Boston.

The Catholic society here give a supper and entertainment in town hall, Thursday evening, May 19.

The first drove of cows annually passing through the town to the New Hampshire pastures, went through last Friday, a little earlier in the season than usual.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robbins returned from California, where they passed the winter, on Monday of this week.

Miss Fannie Prescott and nephew from Cambridge, coming Saturday, were over Sunday visitors of the Misses Hutchins.

Seventeen thousand chestnut and seven hundred apple trees have been set out on Lawrence Brooks' farm this spring. Harry E. Nutting has set out five hundred apple trees, and Capt. Palmer between two and three hundred apple trees. There may be others who have set out hundreds and we know of many who have set out in smaller numbers. The whole acreage set out here shows that the impetus in tree, especially apple tree planting in New England, takes in Groton as one of the up-to-date interested towns.

Mrs. George H. Blood has returned home from a visit to her relatives in Pennsylvania.

H. P. Tainter is about to build a barn on his land on the road leading to the driving park. Henry Adams is the carpenter.

Miss Mary P. Stone, brought here in an automobile from her home in Leominster, is a patient at Groton hospital. Miss Sadie Brennan, who has been there ill with pneumonia, is making a good recovery.

Somerville high defeated Groton school in the game played Wednesday on Groton grounds. Score 5-0.

Rev. H. A. Cornell went last Sunday to Lowell to attend the funeral of a friend, and on Monday to Fitchburg to the Wachusett Baptist Ministers' conference.

John W. Parker has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be able to be out again on pleasant days.

The Baptist Sunday school have begun preparations for a concert to be given on Children's day in June.

The special May services of the Groton school people at the town hall last Sunday, were a success, rather small congregations at the churches.

The Sunday school services of the Unitarian church were suspended for the summer.

The engagement of Miss Nellie Trayne of Groton and Fred M. Partridge of North Adams is announced. The wedding will take place in June. After a short wedding trip the couple will reside in North Adams, where Partridge is employed by the American Express company.

Mrs. Laura Richards, the authoress, on leaving Groton Inn, where she had been a guest for two or three weeks this spring, gave each of the help a copy of one of her books, with her autograph on the fly-leaf. Mrs. Richards also remembered others of the Groton Inn family in a like manner.

The Minots are occupying their country home on Farmers' row.

Groton high school played Bromfield school, Harvard, last Saturday, winning by a score of 5 to 3.

M. J. Cleary, who has been foreman of the engine hose, has been appointed an engineer of the fire department.

The name of the purchaser of James Rowe's place on Whittier avenue is Harry S. Pitkin of Allston. Mr. Pitkin will come to occupy the first of June.

Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell received the Village Reading club at her home, Kyneton Heights, on Wednesday. The meeting of the Shakespeare club, which was to be with Mrs. Boutwell this week, was omitted.

Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell goes to Clinton Monday evening, May 9, to give her paper, "Rulers of men whom I have seen and known," before the Clinton Historical society's meeting that evening. This list of notable

people includes ten United States presidents, many rulers of foreign countries, making in all a long and brilliant array. There can be but few women at this day who can speak from personal knowledge of so many men eminent in national affairs as Miss Boutwell's years of residence in Washington enables her to tell about.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold a food and apron sale at ladies' parlor and the vestry of the church, Thursday afternoon, May 12, at two o'clock. Ice cream and cake on sale during afternoon and evening. Entertainment in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hills from Newton Highlands, with chauffeur, are making a stay of two or more weeks at Groton Inn.

The first of the May meetings held in town hall, last Sunday evening, was fully attended. The preaching by Rev. H. S. Nash, D. D., was edifying and given close attention. The school orchestra added much to the interest of the service.

Two or three members of the Women's circle of the Baptist church went on Wednesday to an associational missionary meeting at West Acton.

The lawns and dooryards in town are, as a rule, looking finely, but there are a few places about the village yet in need of their spring cleaning. The owners ought to have a little more regard to the public good and welfare of the village.

At the meeting of W. R. C. on Tuesday, May 3, three candidates were elected to become members of the corps: Mrs. Leila E. Nutting, Mrs. Josephine Mevet and Mrs. Azalia E. Blood. There will be an initiation of the new members at the meeting Tuesday, May 17, also a program appropriate to the observance of peace and arbitration day.

The street lights appeared to be somewhat disturbed by the electrical storm passing through here Tuesday night, and a tree in woods outside the village was struck.

Miss M. H. Cleary, who became Mrs. Shney on Wednesday, is a graduate of the G. H. S., class of 1907, and is the first of her class to be married.

A committee of the Groton High school alumni association met Wednesday evening at F. A. Torrey's on Court street, to see about observing the fiftieth anniversary of the high school.

The last Unitarian sociable of the season, postponed last Thursday, will be held on Friday evening, May 13, Supper at 8.30. The entertainment will be given by Miss Genevieve Hodgman and friends from Wellesley college, who regret being unable to come this week.

Died in Norwood, May 1, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Culver, aged 9 mos. 15 days.

Mrs. Carl Wagner has given up her rooms at Mr. Frazee's on Elm street, and will continue to reside in New York.

The acquaintances of Miss Nannie Mascen, sister of Mrs. Huntley N. Spaulding of Boston, hear that she is at the Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment, and as soon as recovered will come with Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding to Groton Inn for the summer. They have already engaged their rooms.

Mrs. Johnson of Boston and her son Hiram are coming this month to Groton Inn for the summer. The daughter, Miss Grace Johnson, will spend the summer in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Stebbins, coming this month, will again be summer guests at the Inn. Lowell Stebbins, their son at Harvard college, will join the family later.

Two little girls last Tuesday discovered on the banks of Mulpus brook a man lying across a log with his head in the water. On examination it was found that his throat was cut, which was the cause of his death. Investigation was made and he was identified as that of James Walker, who had been missing from his home in Lancaster for two weeks. He was about thirty years old and when he left home was in search of work. An autopsy was held and it was evidently a case of suicide.

Miss Floretta Vining's auction sale held last Saturday, was well attended, a typical old-fashioned "venue." The rainy day afforded the farmers and other workmen in town and from other towns a good opportunity to lay by from their busy work and be present. Miss Vining herself was there and dispensed the crackers and cheese to the crowd. Miss Vining has not yet sold the small place, the Duran place on Cross road, and said at the auction, probably as a joke, that she was going to keep it for her summer residence.

It is said that Miss Vining realized the real estate sale of the Charles Jacobs farm the sum of \$10,500.

William Phillips Brazer died on April 29, in Lowell at the age of nearly ninety years. He was a son of William Farwell and Phebe (Varnum) Brazer, and was born at Groton in the autumn of 1820. He attended school at Lawrence academy in the year 1830. For many years he was a well-known business man in Lowell where he settled many years ago. He was closely identified with the Unitarian church and closely connected with various business circles. He is survived by a widow, one son and two daughters. The late Mrs. Sarah Farwell (Brazer) Eaton, of Groton, was an elder sister of Mr. Brazer.

Deaths.

Col. Francis Peabody, president of the American Insurance society, died, April 29, at his historic home, "The Lindens," in Danvers. An attack of grippe developed into pleurisy, and pneumonia followed. Death was due primarily to cerebral hemorrhage.

Col. Peabody was well known in financial and social circles in Boston and Salem. He is survived by an invalid widow, who was the daughter of Nathaniel Bloodgood of New York; one daughter, Mrs. Endicott Peabody, wife of the head master of Groton School; and a son, Capt. Jacob C. R. Peabody of Boston.

Col. Peabody was born in Salem, March 26, 1831. In early life he was

in the shipping business with his brother, S. Endicott Peabody, who died last fall. Later he entered the insurance business in Boston. Col. Peabody was a member of the Somerset, Eastern yacht and New York yacht clubs. His nephew is Gen. Francis Peabody, Jr.

Mrs. Mary Graves Edgerly, wife of Superintendent of schools Joseph G. Edgerly of Fitchburg, died at the Burbank hospital in that city, Tuesday night, aged 68 yrs. 2 mos. and 23 days. She had been in poor health for nearly four years and an intense sufferer for more than a month until a paralytic shock, Friday afternoon, after which she became unconscious. The funeral was from her late home on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Edgerly was a native of Groton and one of ten children of the late John J. and Lucy Pollard Graves, of whom two survive her, ex-mayor Samuel L. Graves of Fitchburg and Mrs. Geo. F. Boshier of Manchester, N. H. She was born in the old Graves homestead which has since become a part of the Groton school buildings and grounds.

She was educated in the Groton public schools and at Lawrence academy and was a successful teacher for several years before her marriage to Mr. Edgerly, April 7, 1877, when she went to Fitchburg to live. They celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of their marriage in a quiet way three weeks ago Sunday.

One child, Miss Louise Edgerly, who was overtaken with illness when a sophomore at Smith college and died nine years ago, was born to them.

Mrs. Edgerly had been in poor health for four years and a little more than a month ago her illness developed into one of severe suffering and an operation was considered necessary, but before its performance it was discovered that her trouble was far more serious than was at first thought and the surgeons gave no encouragement that she might recover.

Weddings.

Miss Gertrude M. Leamy and Dennis L. Toomey were married at the Sacred Heart church, Gardner, Wednesday morning, April 27, Rev. John F. McDermott performing the ceremony. The church was filled. The bride was gowned in peach-colored brocade froulled with hat to match and carried white sweet peas. William E. Toomey of Groton, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were: Daniel R. Toomey, Marlborough; James E. Toomey, Groton; John H. Leamy and Robert M. Tappan.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. John W. Leamy, Gardner. The newly married couple left town later for a honeymoon of ten days. They will live at Gardner. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Toomey and daughter Gertrude, Marlborough; Misses Katherine and Gertrude McGarry, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray and John Toomey, Pepperell; Mr. and Mrs. James Dunphy, Groton; also, the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Toomey, and the others of their family, Miss Katherine Toomey, Charles Toomey, William Toomey, Frank Toomey and Thomas Toomey of Winchester; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Minott, Mattapan; Miss Ethel Carr, Chelsea; Misses Margaret, Annie and Winifred Meany, Athol; Mr. and Mrs. M. Leamy, East Templeton; Dennis L. Toomey, the groom, is a well-known Groton boy, graduate of the Groton high school.

On Wednesday morning, May 4, at 9.30 o'clock, the Sacred Heart church here in town was the scene of a tasteful and every way well appointed wedding, when Miss May Helena Cleary of Groton and John Blais Shney of Pepperell were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony with nuptial mass was performed by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Finnegan, assisted by Rev. John Shney of Pembroke, N. H., a cousin of the groom. The bride was charmingly gowned in white lace made with rows of insertion and rows of white satin ribbon. She wore a bridal veil of tulle of roses. Miss Elizabeth Cleary, a sister, was the bridesmaid and wore white over pink, a hat with pink trimmings and carried a bouquet of carnations. The best man was James Fury, a relative from Leominster. Miss Hannah Hallissey presided at the organ and played the "Lohengrin" at the entrance and departure of the bridal party. The church was well filled with friends from town, and many from other towns.

After the ceremony the newly married couple with relatives and other invited guests, to the number of ninety, repaired to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Cleary and participated in a most sumptuous feast of good things and a social hour enlivened by vocal and instrumental music.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shney were the recipients of handsome and substantial gifts and will immediately go to honeymooning in Pepperell with the best wishes of many friends.

The Milk War. The Groton milk producers, who have been sending their milk to Boston, are now holding it back from that market and selling to the Lawrence creamery, Myron P. Swallow, manager.

Mr. Swallow has taken from all his fellow townsmen who have wished to sell to him, also a large quantity from Littleton farmers, the latter bringing 200 cans per day, also some from Shirley, and some from Pepperell producers. The whole has made over 300 cans at the creamery more than usual. Mr. Swallow has been obliged to refuse some who desired to be his customers.

As far as is known, Shawfieldmont, Gen. Bancroft's farm, is the only one in Groton continuing to sell in Boston. One man from the southern part of Pepperell ships milk from the Groton station to Boston. Farmers on the Great road vicinity have been for some time and are now selling in Lowell.

There are a number of farms in Groton where milk in large quantities was formerly made, that now make

none to send to market having sold their cows, claiming that they could not make it pay to sell milk at prices given by contractors.

Birthday Celebration.

On Sunday, May 1, Major M. P. Palmer was stormed in his quiet home fort, the assault being entirely unlike that of the old war-time days. Reclining at ease on his lounge, dreaming doubtless of the past and entirely forgetful of the anniversary of that day, the surprise was sprung upon him.

First came an automobile from Manchester, N. H., bringing his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Warren and five children, then from Littleton came another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Kimball and two children. These, with the son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Palmer and little daughter who live at the old home, made indeed a happy family gathering. Three daughters and three sons and eight grandchildren, all to keep this eightieth anniversary which Capt. Palmer forgot about.

There was the necessary birthday cake all lettered out, to tell the story, 1830-1910, and many other things to make out a happy birthday gathering.

Capt. Palmer is young for eighty years and bids fair to enjoy future birthday anniversaries, of which may there be many happy ones awaiting him.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

The latest schools to give "the certificate privilege" to Lawrence are the university of Illinois and Syracuse university.

Saturday, the baseball team defeated Boston Latin school 6 to 0, and Wednesday, Lawrence second defeated Pepperell high, 11 to 1. Saturday the first team plays the Allen school of West Newton.

At the vesper services last Sunday, Hon. Frederick Fosdick of Fitchburg, gave a very practical and most excellent talk to the boys on "The results of obedience and disobedience."

Commencement exercises will take place on June 18. Pupils who are to take college board or other examinations will remain in school the following week.

West Groton.

J. T. Shepley has recently returned from a bicycle trip of ten days. This does not mean that he was on his wheel all the time, for Mr. Shepley combines business with pleasure. Although his son, D. M. Shepley, has charge of the Vermont business yet J. T. is a very busy man.

Coming last Saturday, Miss Sadie Derby of Fitchburg was an over Sunday guest at W. F. Lane's.

Arbor day exercises were celebrated on Friday afternoon of last week by the primary department of Tarbell school. Thirteen visitors were present and were pleasantly entertained by the songs and recitations of the little ones. Lastly, a tree was planted, always the exercise most enjoyed by the children. May the tree of 1910 live and flourish.

The Sunshine club meets Saturday afternoon, May 7, with Evelyn Lindall.

Mrs. Ellis Smith went to Groton hospital on Friday of last week for surgical treatment.

W. V. Bixby is on the electricity side of the fence. Work was begun on Wednesday at A. H. Thompson's by G. H. Jones & Co., who will repair next to Bonnie Brae to install electric lighting for W. V. Bixby.

Mrs. George Webber, going Friday of last week, visited New York city with friends, returning on Monday. Master Edward passed the time of his mother's absence with his maternal grandparents in Groton.

James Starr of Pepperell has finished the well for Henry Adams and has set up his rock drill on the opposite side of the street on a house lot belonging to J. T. Shepley.

H. E. Kemp met with a troublesome, though not serious accident, last Tuesday. While driving on Bixby street, his horse, evidently stepping on a rolling stone, was thrown to the ground. The result was a broken shaft, but, apparently, neither Mr. Kemp nor the horse sustained injury.

Herbert Rockwood, with his workmen, is removing the debris on the roadside and otherwise improving the looks and condition of Bixby street.

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. In Equity. To Joseph A. Harwood and Richard G. Harwood, administrators of the estate of Herbert J. Harwood, late of Littleton, in said county, deceased. Emelle A. Harwood, Joseph A. Harwood, Herbert J. Harwood, Margaret Harwood, Charles H. Harwood, and Emelle A. Harwood, guardian of Herbert J. Harwood, Emelle M. Harwood, Harwood, and Robert W. Harwood, heirs at law of said Littleton. Whereas ISAAC GREENSBURG of Groton, in said county, has presented to said court his petition, praying that a specific order be made, and an agreement entered into by HERBERT J. HARWOOD, late of Littleton in said county, deceased, and said petitioner, may be decreed, and the administrators of the estate of said deceased be ordered to convey certain real property situated in Boston, in the County of Suffolk to said petitioner, agreeably to the terms of said agreement.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of May A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you who may be found in said Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said court, or if any of you shall not be so found, either real or fictitious, by delivering a copy thereof to your usual place of abode, or by mailing a copy thereof to you at your last known post-office address, fourteen days, at least, before said court; and also, unless it shall be made to appear to said court by affidavit that you all have had actual notice of the proceedings, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Littleton Guilden, a newspaper published in said county, the last publication to be seven days, at least, before said court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, at Groton, in the County of Middlesex, this 31st day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

The Boston Store GEO. B. TURNER & SON AYER, MASS.

Muslin Underwear

The Odds and Ends From the Special Sale

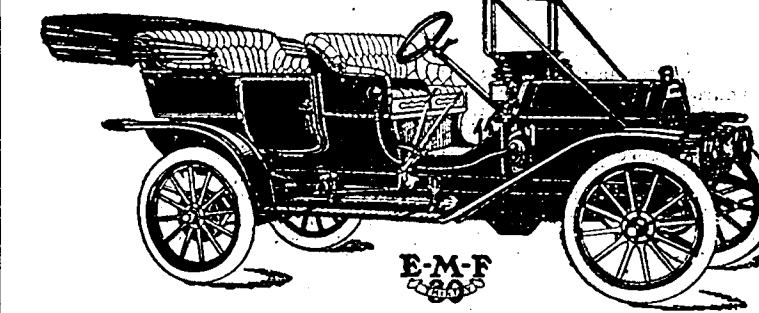
Those who went shopping on muslin, under the last two weeks, forgot one or two things. They left some of the best sizes and prettiest styles; not many to be sure, only a very few in some lots.

Here Are Some of the Lots

- LOT No. 1. A few Children's Waists and Drawers at 10c.
- LOT No. 2. A very few Children's Waists and Drawers at 15c.
- LOT No. 3. Children's Combination Waists and Skirts at 29c. Children's Trimmed Drawers at 25c. Ladies' Drawers, extra value, at 25c. Ladies' Hamburg and Lace Trimmed Corset Covers, all sizes, extra value at 25c.
- LOT No. 4. A few Gowns at 50c. A few Hamburg Trimmed Short Skirts at 50c. A few Hamburg Trimmed Drawers at 50c. Corset Covers, extra fine quality, Hamburg and Lace Trimmed, at 50c.
- LOT No. 5. Regular \$1.00 Gowns at 75c. Handsome Corset Covers at 75c. Short Skirts, Hamburg and Lace Trimmed at 75c. Handsome Lace Trimmed Drawers at 75c.
- LOT No. 6. A few fine Hamburg Trimmed Short Skirts at \$1.00. Plain and Cross Barred Muslin Gowns at \$1.00. Hamburg and Lace Trimmed Drawers at \$1.00.

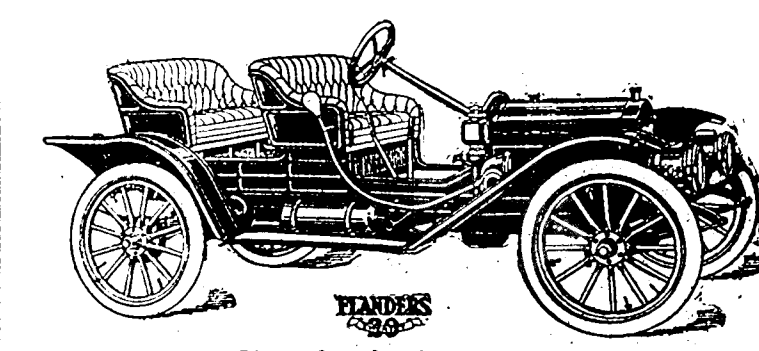
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AYER.

Married in Ayer, April 30, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Pearl G. Buffle and Kathryn E. Williamson, both of Dra-

Herbert O. Craig caught on a pout fish hook at Sandy Pond on Monday night a snapping turtle that weighed thirty pounds. He had a struggle in getting the snapper into his boat and Tuesday he had it in a box on exhibition in front of Sherwin's store. Mr. Craig trapped the past winter and spring 62 muskrats, 47 skunks, 2 foxes, 1 mink, and within the past two weeks 9 woodchucks. According to makings—white, stripe, full stripe, quarter stripe, black, he got all the way from 50 cents to 90 cents, \$1.00 to \$1.75, and \$3.75 and \$4.00. For one fox skin he got \$7.75, the other \$5.00 and for the mink skin he got \$8.75.

A carload of E-M-F and Flanders cars arrived here Tuesday direct from the factory in Detroit, Mich., for Robert Murphy & Sons, and are at their automobile station here. They are fine cars and are attracting considerable attention.

Charlotte Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson, had a birthday party last Saturday evening from 6.30 to nine. There were present fourteen of her schoolmates and dainty refreshments were served and a very handsome and attractive birthday cake was made for the occasion, it being her twelfth birthday. She received a number of pretty gifts.

Mrs. Eva P. Richardson, wife of Wm. A. Richardson, is to be taken to Dr. Kilbourn's hospital in Groton this Saturday and an operation will be performed Sunday for appendicitis by Dr. Hopkins, who is to be assisted by Dr. Kilbourn.

Rev. A. D. Stroud got through his work as census enumerator Friday, May 6. Mr. Stroud was pastor of the M. E. church here for two years and his new field of labor is with the M. E. church of Newton Highlands with a membership of one hundred and twenty-four. The new preacher of the M. E. church here is Frank Hargraves from Boston university school of theology, and the church people here gave him a reception.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold a strawberry festival in the church vestry Wednesday evening, May 11, at 6.30 o'clock.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will serve a salad supper on Tuesday evening, May 10, in the Unitarian vestry.

The social gathering will hold their regular business meeting on Tuesday afternoon, May 10, at four o'clock.

Mr. Phelps is putting on an addition to the rear of his house on West street which will enlarge the two rooms in the first and second story of his dwelling house.

E. O. Proctor's garage will be so far completed that he will move in next week into his new quarters on West Main street. He had several of his automobiles moved into it the forepart of this week.

John Garrity, who has been a resident of this town for the past ten years died Saturday, April 30, of Hodgkin's disease, aged forty-eight years. It was a throat trouble and he had been operated upon three or four times in the past two years. Mr. Garrity was born in Ireland, coming to this country over thirty years ago. He is survived by a wife and three children, two brothers and a sister. The funeral was Monday, May 2, Rev. Fr. Callahan officiating, and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

The Boston and Maine railroad company Thursday filed with the Interstate commerce commission its schedule showing an increase of approximately twenty percent in fares on the Fitchburg division. The rates are flat advances in the selling of straight tickets. These rates are to go into effect on June 1, if the commission gives its consent. No changes in the fares on the other divisions have so far been filed with the commission.

Edward O. Richardson, a former resident of Ayer in the Sandy Pond suburb, has just accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Walter M. Lowney Company of Boston. Mr. Richardson resides in Mansfield. His wife was Miss Mabel White of Woods Village.

Died in Ayer, May 2, Melvin A. Childs, carpenter, son of the late Deacon Samuel A. Childs, aged 59 yrs. 6 mos. 12 days. He was born in West Acton and has been a resident of this town from his early boyhood and died of congestion of the lungs.

The account of Robert Reid, a Boston detective, who worked for the defense in the Raymond Plouffe murder trial, amounting to \$326.28, has been allowed and he will get his money from the county treasurer.

Mrs. Blanche G. Whitney of San Diego, with her two little daughters, arrived in town last Sunday, and she is stopping with her grandmother, Mrs. M. B. Bartlett, East Main street. Her husband, Herbert G. Whitney is expected here with his son in two or three weeks. They have been residents of California for the past ten years. They return here to remain.

Frank H. Schurman is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hart, Holmes' street, on a seventeen-day furlough from the battleship Idaho. His ship is to make a trip to Europe in the fall and thence around the world.

A New Holiday.

Columbus day, which comes annually on October 12, is to be hereafter a legal holiday in this state. Governor Draper affixed his signature to the bill, Friday, April 29, and by the terms of the act the day becomes a holiday this year. The bill had remarkably clear sailing through both branches of the legislature, not a member of the senate being opposed to it. The holiday falls on Wednesday this year. This act gives Massachusetts eight holidays and January, March, June and August are the only months without one. Columbus day is a holiday now in thirteen states of the union, namely: Illinois, Connecticut, California, Missouri, Colorado, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Mary-

land, Montana, Kentucky and Massachusetts.

Fell Fifty Feet.

Ervin Butler, sixteen and one-half years of age, employed by J. C. Brown of Worcester, a steeple and chimney repairer and painter, while repairing a chimney in Townsend Harbor last Monday, fell about fifty feet and died in less than one hour. The work was being done on the chimney of the leatherboard factory of the Spaulding Bros., and the hook gave way and the boy fell.

The body was brought to Ayer and taken care of by W. Wright & Son. The funeral was held Thursday forenoon from the home of his aunt, Mrs. A. C. Hart, Holmes street, Rev. L. E. Perry officiating. The mother, Mrs. Adeline Butler and one brother, William survive him.

The deceased was a native of Brookline, N. H., and had been living in Ayer of late, boarding at Mrs. Hill's restaurant on Merchants' row. The boy was temperate and faithful and his untimely death is very sad. It is said that the boy hesitated about making the ascent to the top of the chimney and it was only after much urging by the one having charge of the work that he attempted to do what he himself knew was very dangerous.

District Court.

Benjamin Saunders of Richmond, Va., who came from the land that gave birth to a Washington, a Madison, a Monroe and a Patrick Henry, and Frank Gallagher of Suncook, N. H., charged with vagrancy in the confines of Groton, were on April 26, tried, found guilty and committed to the state farm at East Brimkeness.

James Bulger, Ayer, drunkenness, was in court May 4, found guilty and fined ten dollars.

John Gauthier and Cyril Martell, both charged with disturbing the peace in Pepperell, were on trial found guilty and cases were placed on file by paying costs of court.

New Office Arrangement.

An indication of the practical merging of the Boston and Maine and New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad systems is given in the new office arrangement in Boston.

The premises formerly occupied by the Old Colony Trust company in the Ames building, at the corner of Court and Washington streets and comprising the entire Washington street side of the ground floor and basement, are leased for a long term to the Boston and Maine railroad company, which will immediately arrange the premises for the use of its uptown passenger traffic offices, now situated at the corner of Washington and Milk streets, and also the uptown passenger offices of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road, now situated at 362 Washington street, the Boston and Maine sub-letting a part of its newly-acquired premises to the New Haven company.

As soon as the changes in the Ames building are completed, probably early in June, both companies will vacate their present quarters and move to the new offices, which are to be most conveniently arranged and up-to-date general ticket offices in that city.

Reception.

In the Methodist vestry, Thursday evening, a reception was given to Rev. Frank Hargraves, the new pastor. In the receiving line were Rev. and Mrs. Stroud and Mr. and Mrs. George B. Turner. The ushers were the Misses Ethel Andrew, Maud Luddington, Claire Perry, and Blanche Sanders. The master of ceremonies was Herbert Webb.

The entertainment program included remarks by Rev. Mr. Stroud and Rev. Mr. Hargraves, readings by Miss Ethel Andrew, vocal duet by Misses Claire and Hazel Perry, vocal solos by Mrs. Grace Lentz and Miss Claire Perry, whistling solo by Miss Hazel Perry, mandolin duet by Mrs. Lentz and Miss Andrew. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Fisk who was unable to be present on account of illness. Refreshments were served.

Jungle Show.

Last Friday evening in Page hall, a most unique and enjoyable entertainment was given by the O. E. S. Careful preparation for this entertainment was made and the work showed for itself. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown and Mrs. E. W. Carley were the committee who got up this entertainment. The stage was appropriately made up for a jungle show, being trimmed with evergreen and decorated with animal heads of different kinds and showed much faithful work. The elephant which was ridden into the hall by "Teddy," and who afterward took his seat as interlocutor during the evening, was quite like our ex-president Roosevelt in appearance. Arthur McLeod dressed as a monkey and was ever present after once appearing. These persons, blacked, occupied the end seats at the minstrel show: Mrs. Georgia Mason, Edward Murphy, Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer and Ellis B. Harlow; Mrs. Eva Richardson, Miss Edith Lyon, E. W. Carley and U. H. Barrows. Clarence C. Harris of Groton led the Indian dance with song and chorus, "Wrap me in your big red shawl," participated in by six boys and six girls. Another pretty feature was the dream dance by twelve girls and song by Mr. Harris.

There was a crowded house and the event was a great success numerically and financially. We print below the program in full:

Part I
End song, "I used to sing I wish that I had a girl now it's 'don't take me home," Miss Edith Lyon.
Song and chorus, "Wrap me in your big red shawl," Clarence C. Harris and Indian dance by twelve girls and boys.
End song, "Down in Jungle Town," Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer.
End song, "Helene," Ellis B. Harlow.
Girls' quartet, "Mammy's little pumpkin colored coons," Mildred Sanders, Pearl Carley, Helen Hardy, Alice Sanderson.
Part II
Song, "When the lanterns glow," Miss Edith Lyon.
End song, "Those things cannot be explained," Mrs. E. B. Harlow.
Ed. song selected, Mrs. Eva P. Richardson.
Song and chorus, "Harbor of lost dreams," Clarence C. Harris and U. H. Barrows.
End song, "Cubanaola gilde," Edward Murphy.
Stump speech, Mrs. Georgia Mason.
Pianist, Miss Edith L. Perry.

Woman's Club.

The annual meeting of the Woman's club took place Wednesday afternoon. The officers elected for the coming year were:

Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, pres.; Mrs. Carrie Bigelow and Mrs. Mary J. Farr, vice-pres.; Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly, rec. sec.; Mrs. Sara G. Shattuck, cor. sec.; Mrs. Clara E. Richardson, treas.; Mrs. Ade L. Irwin, custodian; Mrs. Louise E. Kenyon, Mrs. Carrie Murphy, Miss Augusta Haggood, Mrs. Margaret Longley, Mrs. Marie M. Clark and Mrs. Nellie Brown, directors.

The election of Miss S. Adelaide Blood by the art class as chairman and that of Mrs. Susan M. Barker as chairman of the topic of the day class, was confirmed. Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Beverly were chosen delegates to the annual meeting of the state federation.

The reports of the committees showed good work done by most of them. The chairman of federation committees were continued in office till the election of their successors. The treasurer's reports showed the club had been self-supporting.

A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring president, Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly for the efficiency, courtesy and success with which she had conducted the club during the year. Votes of thanks were also extended to Mrs. Ida Perkins, chairman of the hospitality committee, to Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Hutchins and the sewing school teachers for their work in the sewing school, and to those who gave the books for sewing school, Mrs. Eugene Barry, Mrs. Benjamin Taft, Mrs. H. C. Sherwin, Mrs. Farr, Mrs. S. J. S. Bennett, Mrs. Clara Richardson, Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, Miss S. A. Blood and Miss Jane Allison.

Alliance Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance was held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ida C. Perkins. An appropriation was made to the society in Sanborn, Me. The reports of the secretary, treasurer and flower committee gave the summary of a very successful year.

The places of meeting for the coming year were arranged and a program committee elected.

The balloting resulted in the election of these officers for the coming year:

Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, pres.; Mrs. Emily M. Cotton, vice-pres.; Mrs. Ruth Clark Sherwin, sec.; Mrs. Clara L. Burns, treas.; Miss S. R. Tuten and Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, flower committee; Mrs. Alice Butterfield, Mrs. Clara Burns and Mrs. Marie Clark, program committee; Mrs. Susan M. Barker, cheerful letter committee.

Mrs. Barker was chosen delegate to the national alliance which holds its annual meeting in Boston, May 24. Refreshments were served during a social hour.

New Wage Schedule.

The Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company, on considering the length of service of the conductors and motormen, have decided to arrange the wages accordingly, and began on May 1, as follows:

Conductors and motormen for the first year will receive twenty cents, for the second year twenty-one cents, for the third year twenty-two cents, for the fourth year twenty-three cents, for the fifth year twenty-four cents, for the sixth year and thereafter, unless something unforeseen happens, will receive twenty-five cents an hour.

The number of hours will be platform work or while on duty by orders. Nothing less than fifteen minutes will be figured. If they work fifty minutes, it will be figured forty-five, and if they work fifty-five minutes it will be figured one hour and so on.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Bromfield school team played their third game of the season on last Saturday at the home grounds with the Groton high school. It was the best game of the season, both teams playing good ball. The score was 5 to 3 in the Groton boys' favor. This week the boys play Pepperell high at the Bromfield grounds.

Cedric Webster, whose hand was injured in the ball game two weeks ago was in the outfield last week. His regular position is on first base.

Miss Whitford Bryant is at home at Fruitcroft for two weeks' vacation.

Miss Helen Bailey, a week-end guest at Mr. and Mrs. Atherton's, stayed over Sunday.

George C. Maynard has installed a bath room with modern appliances at his residence on the Common, better known as "The Elms," adding much to the comfort and convenience of the guests of the house.

Tuesday morning the old center chimney at the Lucie Patch house, occupied by F. R. Preston, took fire and for a few minutes was in a warm condition. Members of the chemical company and others were on hand with hand chemicals and attended to it at once. No damage was done.

Miss Phoebe Croft, after spending the winter in Ayer during the California trip of Mr. and Mrs. Hosmer, is in town again and with her former employer.

William L. Crosby has purchased the farm adjoining his estate on Oak Hill, known as the Dadmun farm of Mrs. Abbie Dadmun. Indications point strongly to the fact that Mr. Crosby is sparing no pains to make his location on this beautiful hill one of the pleasantest summer spots in this or any surrounding town. Morey Y. Wanta, the young Japanese chauffeur, is with Mr. Crosby again this season.

Miss Eva Sheehan returned Tuesday from Petersham, where she has been on a visit to her aunt Annie.

Misses Leslie and Gertrude Hooper of Somerville, whose father, now a professor at Tufts college, was at one time connected with the Bromfield school here, are spending a few days with Miss E. E. Hersey.

Although stormy and extremely disagreeable night on last Tuesday inside the grange hall all was bright and cheery, the various book costumes adding much to the general attractiveness. The grange paper edited by Clifford Dudley was full of original bits of local hits and spicy articles.

Frank Stanton from the Shaker village, was taken to the Waltham hospital Monday and operated on for appendicitis. His was a bad case but the

doctors report at present he is holding his own.

The Unitarian ladies will hold an all day meeting on Thursday, May 12, with Miss Ellen Gamage. All those who have not already done so are requested to bring their club dues, also any material which may be used in making fancy or useful articles.

Miss Annie Reed has returned from a few days' visit to Cambridge and Boston where she has been enjoying a short time with friends and general sight-seeing.

The milk question in town is at a standstill at present. Most of the farmers are holding their milk while others, a few, are sending. The most of the milk being held is being made into butter so that there will be little loss to any of the farmers. Paul Cunningham of Bolton is running his creameries for the benefit of all who wish to utilize it. There is a general spirit of determination to stick out to win.

Next Wednesday the Up-to-Date club meet with Miss Helen Hildreth, subject Mark Twain.

Miss Clough returned to Sunny Side on Tuesday and Miss Hildreth will soon be with us again.

The grange had a very interesting meeting Tuesday evening. Communications were received in regard to the law protecting the game birds, also the sale of the same. The lecturer's hour consisted of an excellent grange paper, current events well chosen, and the trials of a gentleman farmer, closing with a book social. Nearly all took part in the last, twenty-one books being represented, many of the costumes being especially pretty.

The King's Daughters request all who attend the churches in Harvard and Still River on Sunday to wear a white flower, as it is Mothers' Sunday.

Still River.

One night last week Mr. Hutcherson found one of his horses had broken through the floor in the stable. He had a hard time to get the horse lifted out and he had to rig up pulley blocks to do it. This horse was so badly injured that it will be some time before it can be used. The horse stepped on the foot of Mr. Hutcherson, and he has been pretty lame since.

Mrs. Haynes attended a meeting of the Ladies' Missionary circle of the Wachusett Baptist association at West Acton, Wednesday.

The Fairchild family, who bought the Cheney farm last summer, are expected to arrive here next week for the summer.

Letters received from Mrs. Mabel Richards say that she arrived safely at her new home in Oakland, Cal., that the baby was better than when she started, and that she enjoyed the trip across the continent.

The Milk Question.

Sunday morning there was only forty-one cans of milk shipped from Still River station to Boston, against 214 shipped the day before, and only three of the milk carriers to this station failed to respond to the call to strike.

Most of the farmers are getting their milk separated. Luther Willard has got Mr. Murchie's milk separator, and does the work for quite a number of his neighbors, and some take their milk to Mr. Cunningham's creamery in Bolton, where the cream is taken out, and they either bring the cream home or Mr. Cunningham makes it into butter for them. Mr. Murchie is making butter for quite a number.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

All who are interested in the good work of our schools will be pleased to hear that last Thursday night the district school committee met in town hall, Stow, and unanimously reelected Francis S. Brick, superintendent of schools for the ensuing year. John H. Lawton of Maynard was elected chairman and C. E. Bradford of Boxborough secretary of the committee for the year.

Mr. Virgin, who is in the Boston postoffice, is the new owner of the Petersen place and will be here with his family through the summer only; the place will be cared for by a farmer who comes from Ohio. Mr. Petersen has returned to his old government position on Government Island.

Funeral services of J. B. Perkins were held at his late home on Saturday afternoon, Rev. P. S. Rice officiating. There were many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends, including one from a grange, of which he was a member at the time of his death and another from Boxborough grange of which he was a charter member. Miss Bailey and Mrs. Sunderland of Maynard, sang "The beautiful isle of somewhere," and "God be with you till we meet again," and one other selection in a very impressive manner.

Misses Sarah Richardson, Ruby and Marion Vietas are at home for a two weeks' vacation from normal school duties. Miss Mary Nelson is also enjoying a week's vacation and has her friend Miss Eaton at home with her.

Mrs. Albert Littlefield attended the sixty-second annual May festival and fair in Framingham last Wednesday. This is the one event of the year which calls together all the people in the various villages of the town of all denominations and has become an old home day for those who have formerly lived in the town. The proceeds of the day are used in beautifying the Edgell Grove cemetery.

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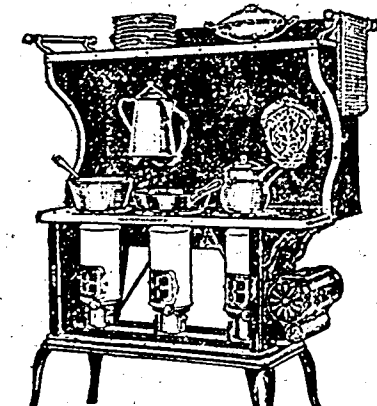


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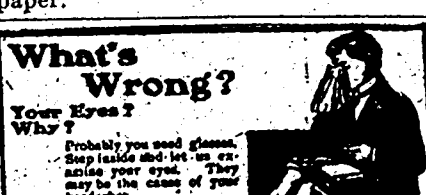
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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
Miss Blanche Fessenden is entertaining Miss Winifred Stuart of Bangor, Me.
Wednesday evening, May 11, will be Children's night at the local grange. Entertainment by the children under the direction of the local teachers, pianist and lecturer.

John Porter is at home from Brookline, Mass., for the summer.
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rockwood of Everett, Mass., spent last Sunday with W. Brooks Rockwood, coming in their touring car. Mrs. O. D. Fessenden returned home with them.

Moses Bradley and family have moved to the Benjamin Gould home-stead.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Wallace moved to Townsend, April 28.

Miss Lenora Bradley has returned to the apartment at the home of Mrs. Mary Cox. Miss Bradley has had a very successful season with the St. Elmo company.

Mrs. Hattie Stiles and Miss Josephine Seaver returned home from Reed's Ferry last week and are to spend the month of May at New York City, guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Abbott.

Mrs. W. Temple Boultonhouse was the guest of Mrs. Albert W. Corey and Thomas Bennett, Mrs. Charlotte Wright and son Norman were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Fletcher at Townsend Harbor, last week Thursday.

William Brown attended the funeral of his brother, Homer Brown at Reed's Ferry, Tuesday of last week.

Percy Betterly and his cousin Ernest Betterly of Reed's Ferry, recently enjoyed a trip to New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Virginia.

Gerald Shattuck of Pepperell was a guest at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Shattuck, over Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Nye and daughter Constance of Sandown have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye.

The Loyal Workers will meet at the home of Mrs. George Stanley, Wednesday afternoon.

Arthur A. Goss has been appointed tax collector.
Miss Marion A. Stiles spent the week end at home from school duties at Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. French and son Harold returned home Monday, after an absence of several months.

Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Shattuck, at Pepperell, Wednesday, April 27.

Mrs. Alice Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gilson of Townsend, Mrs. Jennie Gilson, Herbert Daniels of Cambridge, Mrs. Sarah Shattuck of Pepperell, have been guests of Mrs. C. D. Gilson and son James. Mrs. Gilson observed her sixty-sixth birthday last Saturday.

Principal Stephen T. Marshall visited schools at Pepperell on Thursday, April 28.
David S. Fessenden has been appointed chief of police and Perley L. Pierce police officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yarrick have completed a successful professional tour and are at home for the summer.
Arthur Nye is at home from Mount Hermon school. He is to spend a few weeks at Bennington, Vt., and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gerrish spent part of last week at Ayer, Mass., enjoying the trip in their automobile.

Deaths.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Goss, Mrs. Herbert Corey and Mr. and Mrs. Will Shattuck attended the funeral of Mrs. Shattuck's sister, Mrs. Zoë B. Barrett, at the Congregational church at Wilton, Friday, April 29. Mr. Barrett was the seventh one of a family of eight children to pass on. Mrs. Shattuck has lost a brother and sister in the past two months. She has the sympathy of many friends.

Mary Ellen Putnam, wife of Leroy Putnam, died at Milford, Wednesday, April 27, after a brief illness with septicæmia, aged twenty-seven years. The funeral took place last Saturday afternoon, burial in the family lot at the South cemetery, Brookline. A husband, three children and a brother, James Harwood, mourn her loss.

Man Found.
Friday morning, April 29, employees at the icehouse found a man clad in his undergarments near the railroad Y, later they found his clothing scattered about containing a gold watch and quite a sum of money. He was evidently suffering from some mental trouble and the selectmen were notified. He gave his name as W. H. Miller and said his home was at Vergennes, Vt. The selectmen immediately telephoned there and found he was a well-known resident. His family supposed he was at Leominster, Mass., where he had gone to visit a brother-in-law. He recently had a severe attack of the grippe, which is supposed to have been the cause of his condition. Selectman Harry Marshall took him to Fitchburg in his automobile and accompanied him to his home at Vergennes, arriving there at midnight. Mr. Miller's family were very grateful to Mr. Marshall and appreciated his kindness. How Mr. Miller reached Brookline is unknown.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
Mrs. Price, the mother of the Price Brothers, is seriously ill with hardening of the arteries.

C. F. Worcester and family returned from Florida last week. Mr. Worcester went to Florida early last winter because of impaired health. His friends are glad to see him return much better than when he left Hollis.

Mrs. William E. Hardy of Arlington, Mass., with her two children are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tenney.

Miss Marion Powers and Mr. McDonnell of Meriden, Conn., spent a few days the first of the week at M. J. Powers'.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davis left home Monday morning for a four weeks' visit to Baltimore, Md., with Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Kahn.

The Hollis Woman's club met with Miss Lily R. Eaton, Wednesday afternoon. Current events were given, also a paper by Miss Mildred Rogers, "Outline of Dutch history from the seventeenth to the twentieth century."

Wednesday evening the second lecture of the grange course was given in grange hall by Rev. J. Franklin Babb of Laconia. His subject was "Sense, sand and satisfaction." Mr. Babb gave a most eloquent lecture. He is a speaker of unusual power and held the close attention of all present. The hall was filled in spite of the stormy evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles Hills are rejoicing in the birth of a son, Eugene Kenrick, May 3.

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Whereas, at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, at Cambridge on the first Tuesday of January A. D. 1910.

On the Petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Groton, praying that the road leading from Groton to Shirley, near the gymnasium of the Groton School, may be relocated from a point opposite the house occupied by Herbert Folkins, Southwesterly to the entrance driveway of the infirmary, a distance of about 1,200 feet, and that the road from Groton to Ayer may be relocated from its junction with said road to Shirley, a distance southerly of 500 feet, it was adjudged that said relocation is of common convenience and necessity:

Said Commissioners therefore give notice that they will meet at the Selectmen's room, Town Hall in Groton on the thirteenth day of June next, at 10.45 of the clock in the forenoon, to locate accordingly.

ROGER H. HURD, Asst. Clerk.
April 26, 1910.

I certify that the Town Clerk of the Town of Groton was served with a copy of the above notification, thirty days before the meeting therein appointed; that a like copy was posted in two public places in said Town and was published three weeks successively, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, fourteen days before said meeting.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to SAMUEL L. BLODGETT of Groton in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of May A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by John Linde, otherwise called Jan Linde, of Ashby in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts to John Mattson of said Ashby, dated November 25, 1904, and recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex, libro 3157, folio 287, for breach of the conditions therein contained will be sold at public auction, on the premises on Saturday the 21st day of May, 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the East part of said Ashby on the South side of the State Road, leading from said Ashby to Fitchburg, and bounded as follows: commencing at a stake and stones on the South side of said highway at its junction with the Kendall Road, so-called; thence by said Road, South 37 1/2° West 52 feet to a bound at land of S. C. Damon; thence South-west by land of said Damon and a fence about 36 1/2 rods to a wall; thence by said wall and a brush fence continuing in the same direction by land of said Damon, about 107 rods to a corner at land of William S. Sheldon; thence South 56° 25' East by land of said Sheldon about 49 rods to land of Mrs. G. S. Shaw; thence Northeast by said Shaw's land about 117 1/2 rods to the above mentioned State Road; thence Northwest on the South side of said Road about 64 rods to the place of beginning. Containing 40 acres more or less. Reserving from said tract, however, about 1/2 acre of land (a quarry) sold or leased to S. R. Damon, and about 1/4 acres on the East side of said Damon reservation to the said John Mattson, with the right to pass and re-pass over said tract to their reservations.

Subject to all taxes now a lien thereon and assessed by the Town of Ashby. \$100.00 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale to be forfeited time and place if purchaser refuses to mortgagee if purchaser refuses to carry out the sale. Balance of purchase price to be paid and deed delivered on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, 1910, at office of A. Z. Goodfellow, Fitchburg, Mass.

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Administratrix's Sale of REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a license granted to me by the Probate Court for the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as administratrix of the estate of John Dailey, late of Littleton in said County, dated April 18, 1910, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, Monday afternoon, May Nineth, 1910, at three o'clock, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A certain farm with the buildings thereon situated in the southeasterly part-of said Littleton, containing seventy-six acres more or less consisting of four parcels, three of said parcels containing about sixty-three acres being the same premises conveyed to said John Dailey under the name of John Dally by Alvin Rhoades by deed dated April 16, 1879 and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Registry of deeds Book 1507 Page 30 and one of said parcels containing about thirteen acres consisting of pasture and woodland being all and the same premises conveyed to said John Dailey by Benjamin F. Burlingame by deed dated October 23, 1879, and recorded in said Registry of Deeds Book 1525 Page 242. Said premises to be conveyed subject to any rights of way if any there may be.

The premises are subject to the taxes and assessments for the current year 1910, which the purchaser is to assume and pay.

Terms \$200 cash at time and place of sale and the balance within ten days thereafter upon delivery or tender of the deed.

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Care leave North Chelmsford for Ayer and Fitchburg at 6.05, 7.20 a. m., then 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.20 p. m.
Sundays—First car 8.20 a. m., then same as week days.
Care leave North Chelmsford for West Chelmsford and Brookside at 6.00, 6.35 and 7.50 a. m., and 50 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.50 p. m.
Sundays—First car 7.50 a. m., then same as week days.
Care leave Brookside for Lowell, North Chelmsford and Ayer at 6.15, 6.50 and 8.05 a. m., and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.05 p. m.
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STATE POLITICS AROUSE INTEREST

Legislature Enacts the Columbus Day Bill

GOV. DRAPER EXPLAINS STAND

His Sincerity in New Haven Case Proven by His Statement—Fight Against Congressman O'Connell Falls—Democrats Divided Over Gubernatorial Nomination—Fear That Next Congress May Be Democratic

The legislature is endeavoring to put on speed in order to secure an early prorogation this year. One of the important acts which became law last week was that making Oct. 12 a legal holiday to be known as Columbus Day in recognition of the discoverer and discovery of America. There was quite a strong opposition to this bill from manufacturers and business men, who made the point that there are too many holidays already. Governor Draper signed the bill, however, evidently taking the ground that it would do no harm to have another. Several other states have a Columbus day already, so that Massachusetts is not the first to adopt it.

The governor gave out a statement during the week in justification of his recommendation that the bonds of the Boston Holding company be made legal investments for the savings banks, and in support of his appeal to the legislature to grant some relief to the New Haven in order that the contemplated improvements on the Boston and Maine may be entered upon and completed. It seems to be admitted that he made an excellent case and proved at least his own deep sincerity in wishing to promote the railway improvements which the state so much needs for its prosperity and advancement. It seems to be a mooted question whether the legislature will take any action along the lines recommended. The governor takes the ground that, having advised the legalization of these bonds as investments for savings banks and the legislature having decided against such action, it is now up to the legislature itself to find a way to do something which will bring about the desired result.

O'Connell Again a Candidate
One of the election contests in the national house which concerned Massachusetts has been decided in favor of Congressman Joseph F. O'Connell of the Tenth district. Mr. O'Connell, according to the returns, was elected by four votes over J. Mitchell Galvin, the Republican nominee. Mr. Galvin claimed that a number of defective ballots were counted for Mr. O'Connell and made a contest for the seat. The committee of congress having the matter in charge has now decided that Mr. Galvin was not elected. Congressman O'Connell is a candidate for renomination and he has against him Councilor Curley of Boston, who is making a strenuous contest. Mr. Galvin declares his intention of again seeking the Republican nomination and says he feels very confident that if he receives it he will be elected by a substantial plurality. The district is evidently closer than was supposed, and with the dissension which is brewing in the Democratic ranks there is a possibility of Republican success.

The Nomination For Governor
Democrats are a good deal disturbed just at present over the gubernatorial nomination. Congressman Eugene N. Foss has been regarded as a strong candidate to head the ticket, but ex-Senator James H. Vahey refuses to accede to the demands of the party leaders to withdraw, declaring his intention to remain in the field and secure the nomination for governor if possible. Within the last few days there has been a good deal of talk along the line of Mr. Foss being a candidate for re-election in the Fourteenth district. Undoubtedly this would please the Democrats of that district, but it would disarrange a good many plans now in sight. Mr. Foss was the financial mainstay of the state campaign last year, having contributed a very large amount of money for that purpose, and if he should be a candidate for re-election it is very doubtful if he would again finance the state fight. That would be a disastrous matter for the Democratic party under the circumstances. A good many people feel that it is going to be rather difficult to collect campaign funds this fall owing to the uncertainty which surrounds the business outlook and the caution with which manufacturers are making their plans for the future.

The Next Congress
There is a feeling abroad that the next national house may be Democratic. If this should turn out to be so, it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the house might enact a tariff bill and send it to the senate. With so many insurgents in the senate possibly a moderate reduction of the tariff might even be passed by that body. Nothing but the veto of the president would then stand between the bill and its becoming a law. A good many questions whether, if a moderate tariff bill were put up to the

present, it might not receive his sanction. These are some of the causes which impel manufacturers to feel their way carefully in regard to future operations. The unsettling effects of tariff agitation and possible tariff changes are well known to all observers of economic phenomena. There is generally extensive curtailment of production during such tariff agitation and this of necessity would lead to a greatly restricted employment of labor. Most industries have been very active since the panic of 1908 and the market is now quite well supplied, with a considerable amount of goods in the storehouses, so that a temporary slackening of production would not be apt to produce a scarcity of goods in the market for some time.

Cookbooks as Campaign Documents
There is a good deal of activity among the Democrats of the Ninth congressional district and the friends of Congressman John A. Kellher are hustling in his interest. The opponents of the congressman are backing Councilor Wm. F. Murray of Charlestown, who is the choice of the Boston machine. It seems rather early to open a political canvass, but this has been done in the Ninth district. One of Mr. Kellher's acts was to send out to thousands in his district one of the cookbooks published by the department of the interior and furnished free to those who desire it. It is not impossible that this may have the effect of making some votes for Mr. Kellher, but the activities of Mr. Murray and his friends are beginning to show results already, and the fight promises to be one of the most vigorous ever waged in the district.

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It is only within late years that American housewives have willingly acknowledged the kitchen supremacy of the blue flame oil cooking stove. First attempts at using kerosene as fuel were crude, poorly planned and often disastrous indeed. The advent of the scientifically constructed "Florence Automatic," however, terminated the experimental stage in the oil range construction and gave the overworked and overheated housewife a safe and reliable, general purpose oil cooking range of great power. The Florence Automatic Oil Stove is the product of the Central Oil and Gas Stove Co., and is manufactured at Gardner, Mass. It is a wickless, blue flame stove, regulated instantly by a short lever, which is handily placed in front for instant use. The height of the flame is always what the position of this lever indicates. The great feature of the "Florence Automatic" is the impossibility of the flame running either up or down. The heat can never be greater or less than the operator plans for. Thus there is no danger of overdone or underdone cooking when using the "Florence Automatic." The same firm also make 1, 2 and 3 burner Florence lamp stoves, which are very convenient for the home, and which readily suggest themselves when doing kitchen work or light house-keeping.

New England's Telephone Progress.
According to the annual report of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company there are 337,021 telephones connected to the system of this company and its sub-licensees, and in this company alone the daily average of local and toll calls is about 1,200,000. The figures represent a business that covers four northern New England states and gives employment to about 8,400 persons. The report says it is expected that at least 30,000 stations will be added during the year 1910. As showing how strongly the New England Telephone Company is a New England institution, General Herber notes that of the 4,020 stockholders more than ninety-three percent are residents of the four states. In addition, the sub-license companies, having arrangements connected to the system of this company for toll connections and thus being in fact a part of the New England system, have about the same number of local stockholders.

New Advertisements.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of LEON HERBERT, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased. Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Probate Court, by MARY LUTHER HERBERT, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, without requiring surety on her bond, and that other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to accept the trust. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Court House in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of May A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why said will, or why the same should not be granted.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH KEMP, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased, intestate. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Probate Court, by the administration on the estate of said deceased to SARAH A. SHATTUCK, Pepperell, in said County, or to some other suitable person, who prays that you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of May A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why said will, or why the same should not be granted.

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Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 9.32 p. m. Return—Leave Chelmsford—5.30, 5.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.43 p. m., then 11.48 p. m. Saturdays 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 12.45 p. m., until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. THOMAS LEES, Supt.

Administrator's Notice of Sale of REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a decree of the Probate Court for Middlesex County dated May 2, 1910, will be sold at public auction on the premises on Wednesday, May 25, 1910, at four o'clock in the afternoon, a one and one-half story dwelling house with about 7,500 square feet of land situated on the Western side of Forrest Street, Ayer, Massachusetts, and numbered nine (9) Forrest Street, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake on Forrest Street, being N. 66° 30' E. nineteen (19) feet seven (7) inches from the corner stone of the piazza of dwelling house late of Hibbard P. Ross; thence N. 50° W. one hundred and fifty (150) feet six (6) inches by land of said Ross; thence by said Ross land N. 40° 45' E. forty (40) feet six (6) inches to corner of land late of Joel E. Fletcher; thence South one hundred and forty (140) feet seven (7) inches and said Forrest Street; thence South on said Street S. 27° 45' W. sixty-eight (68) feet to the first mentioned corner.

Terms: Three hundred (300) Dollars in cash at the time and place of sale, balance in ten days thereafter, and the right is reserved to reject any or all bids. The premises will be open for inspection on the day of sale. Further terms will be announced at the sale.

ARTHUR L. BALCON,
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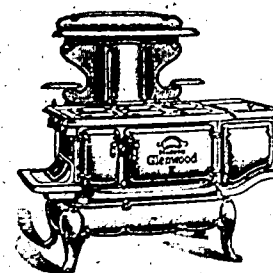
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PEPPERELL.

About Town.
Miss Kittie M. Lawrence of Nashua was a recent visitor among friends here for a few days.
Mrs. Sarah Dow and daughter, Miss Harriet Dow, victims of the shooting accident in Springfield recently, arrived in town at the Pierce farm on Thursday morning.
John F. Berry of Bath, Me., came to town Saturday for a visit among friends.
Lewis Stickney and Mrs. Stickney from Milford visited the family of Elbert S. Durant this week.
James McCormack, who has been coachman for Geo. T. and Charles Keyes the past four years, has resigned his position and expects to leave town soon. He intends taking an extended vacation before engaging elsewhere.
Dr. F. A. Davis has sold his handsome and valuable black stallion, Dictator, to Mr. Powers of Brookline, N. H.
Chief Montith and A. A. Lawrence, constable, were called to a house on Crescent street, where it was reported that a man had attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat. Upon arrival it was discovered that nothing very serious had happened.
Miss Lucy Dow of Springfield is a visitor at the Pierce farm, coming Tuesday, May 3.
The carpenters have begun making extensive repairs on the Mary Boynton place on Main street, now owned by Miss Emma Haynes.
It is reported that Kemp & Bennett have purchased the woodland belonging to A. A. Shattuck; also, his share in the Smith & Willoughby sawmill, situated in the westerly part of the town.
About thirty-five from here attended the initiation of the Hibernians in Milford, N. H., Sunday, May 1. The degree team from Pepperell performed the work, a large class being initiated.

Gleanings.
Miss Edna Kittredge made a flying visit to her home in this town last week. Miss Kittredge is studying to be a nurse in the Emergency hospital in Nashua.
Miss H. Eleanor Lawrence of Park street, is improving in health but is still confined to her house.
Mrs. L. H. Bean returned from a short visit with her sister in Hollis on Monday last.
Mrs. Nellie Gutterson, clerk in C. A. Swasey's store, is out of the store for a short time assisting at the home of Mrs. Caleb Richardson, who has not been well since the death of her mother. Mrs. Richardson is feeling better than usual.
Mrs. Frances Lawrence, formerly of this town, late of Fitchburg, is visiting her niece, Mrs. George Hardy of Hollis.
Mrs. Otis Saunders of Lebanon visited friends in town last week, returning on Monday last.
Mrs. Kittredge visited her daughter in Nashua this week.
Mrs. Joseph Lavallee of Hollis street has quite a serious nervous trouble.
David Belyea has given up his trip to Nova Scotia for the present, and has obtained work on a mill in West Groton.
Miss Lulu Brown has been quite sick at the home of her sister Mrs. Charles Howard.
A. A. Tarbell is putting a new concrete foundation on the Adine block owned by him on Main street.
Lucius Wilson, who was quite ill last week, is able to be out again.
Lena Brown, with a friend from Keene, N. H., attended the May dance in Hollis on Tuesday evening of this week.
Charles Howard of Cambridge spent Sunday with his family in town.
Miss Annetta Morrill, who has been quite ill since her return from Florida, is now convalescent.
Professor Dudley, principal of Hollis high school, visited the high school in this town on Friday, April 29.
Frank Lawrence of Franklin street has left his position as chauffeur for Mrs. Keyes of this town and Boston, and has a similar position in Concord where he moved his family this week.
Town water is being installed in the parsonage this week.
Oscar Kittredge of Concord spent Sunday last with his parents in town.
Charles Spaulding has had a number of thousands of strawberry plants set out this week.
Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker moved last week from the house owned by Dr. Qua, corner of Main and Hollis streets, into the O. M. Nash house on River street.
Mrs. Nancy Merrill and daughter Miss Annetta returned from Florida last week.

J. Warren Wetherbee and family of Groton are occupying their very pleasant bungalow on the Townsend road. Mr. Wetherbee remains in Groton during the week, but will be with his family over each Sunday.
Mrs. H. O. Shattuck was the guest over Sunday last, going Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Lakin of Townsend.
Born quite recently, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webber of Newport, R. I., a daughter, Caroline Howard. Mother and daughter are as well as can be expected.
News Items.
James Starr, who has just bought a complete new drilling outfit, has a lot of work engaged. He has just finished the Henry Adams' well, finding a large amount of water and has moved across the street to the Shepley lot.
Miss Lillian Strout is taking a bible census in town and boarding with Mrs. Cuthbertson.
Mrs. L. E. Starr has bought the old-fashioned plants and shrubs belonging to the Berry nursery. There are three acres now remaining in the grounds.
At the civil court at Lowell, April 21, Mr. Sullivan was awarded \$172.20 for damages done him by the change of the grade of the street. Although he received a small amount he was in the right. It has cost the town to defend the suit, so it is reported, about \$600, which might have been settled out of court for a much less sum.
Arthur Blood and family formerly of Pepperell, now in Gardner, are suffering from the prevailing influenza. If Mrs. Blood is able, she will be in town next Tuesday.
A committee of ten is being formed with the idea of advancing the interest in the town and securing some new families for the unoccupied houses. Pepperell is one of the prettiest towns in New England and has the best water and some of the most beautiful drives. Why not all try to boom Pepperell.
Mrs. Anna Baneroff Richardson of Washington, D. C., came Monday to see her son who is at Mrs. Lucy Page's, suffering from tuberculosis. Mrs. Richardson was an Ayer girl, and was a daughter of the late E. Dana Baneroff.
The many friends of Bert De Roche were pleased to see him in town this week. He has just returned from Pinehurst, N. C., where he was playing ball through the winter season.
Francis Lawrence and family are moving from Franklin street. Mr. Lawrence has accepted a position at Concord and is moving to that place.
The connecting of applicants for town water goes merrily on, about forty new ones have been connected this spring.
Jerry Lorden has a fine pair of black horses he has recently purchased.
Dr. William H. Merrill and Mrs. Merrill have arrived at their home here for the summer. His mother, Mrs. N. E. Merrill and Miss Annetta Merrill have opened their place for the summer.
The sidewalk repairs throughout the town are being attended to by Deware & Jordan and the work not only adds to the comfort of pedestrians, but is an improvement to the general beauty of our town.
John Sliner of this town, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Sliner, and Miss Mae H. Cleary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cleary of Groton, were married in that town Wednesday evening. Many friends from here attended.
The high school baseball team were defeated at Groton by Lawrence academy second team on Wednesday. They play Littleton on Saturday.
Miss Alma Patterson of Lee, N. H., is visiting her niece, Mrs. A. H. Harris and family, Pleasant street.
The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Ladies' social club of the Unitarian church will be held in the ladies' parlor, Thursday afternoon, May 12, at three o'clock.
The matter of early closing of the stores one day each week during the summer season is now being discussed. Last year the storekeepers apparently enjoyed it as much as the clerks and it is expected to be advocated again.
The W. C. T. U., will meet with Mrs. M. M. Pond on Thursday afternoon, May 12, at two o'clock. A full attendance is desired as plans are to be made for the elderly people's reception.
Anyone finding a light-colored carriage wrap between E. A. Johnson and Hovey's corner by way of Brookline street will confer a favor by notifying E. P. McCord, who lost it from his carriage.
Miss Emily Cooke Burns has accepted a position as soprano in the quartet choir at the First Congregational church, Concord, N. H.

Mrs. L. Belle Wallace and Miss Wallace went to Worcester on Monday evening, where they attended a reception given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lighton by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Alfred Harrington at their palatial home on Main street in that city.
Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice: Louis Butts, Helen Cunnet, Euclid Cordeau, Dennis Lauder, Mrs. W. Nash, Mrs. M. A. Nash, Ludwig Welcome, Mrs. E. J. Welcome.
Shipment of Milk.
If every district was as loyal to their own interests as the farmers of this town who are holding back shipment of milk to the Boston contractors, it would only be a short time and the settlement would be known. It is understood that the producers are making a determined fight and very little milk is going into Boston from here. The farmers here ship from four depots—Groton, Townsend Harbor, Pepperell and Hollis, N. H. It is understood only one out of a large number is now shipping from Groton, that from the farm of George Maynard. Not one of the many large shippers by the way of Townsend Harbor is sending milk, which includes the large farms of E. R. Richardson, C. H. Jewett and the town farm. From Pepperell depot, six out of twenty are shipping—the C. A. Dennen farm, which it is understood the same as that of G. E. Shattuck, who ships by Hollis, has a special price which has prevailed for some time to those furnishing what is called inspected milk.
Obituary.
Mrs. Harriet Ann Conant passed away at her home on High street on Friday, April 22, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. During her long and active life she had seen the little hamlet grow to a thriving town. Houses spring up in the pine-covered fields; also, two generations pass away. Around her mostly were strangers to her earlier days, but her daughter and husband attended to her every want. Mrs. Conant was born in Groton, April 21, 1817, in a house long since destroyed on the road from Groton to Hollingsworth mills on the Groton side of the railroad bridge. She was the daughter of Jonathan Blood, one of the largest landowners of Groton and granddaughter of Richard Blood, one of the sixty petitioners for Groton township, owning all the land covered by the Hollingsworth mills and along the Nashua river. Her mother was Elizabeth Whitaker of Hampton, Va.
Mrs. Conant held a wealth of local history that ought to have been collected for future generations. Her father was a physician who was lost at sea enroute for Europe and so she came in her early girlhood to Groton and later to Pepperell, where she met Henry Conant, whom she married in 1838. Rev. Dr. Babbidge performed the ceremony.
Shortly after her marriage she went to Fitchburg, where she united with the M. E. church, although she returned to Pepperell and lived in a house where F. A. Parker's hardware store now is and thirty-eight years ago they built the house she died in. The last fifteen years of her life she was crippled and never went out, but she welcomed all who came with such a pleasant and cheery smile that she won the name of "Auntie Conant." She never faltered in her ideas of Puritan principles and wrong was never right, no matter how it was dressed up. When the earth fetters were broken and she left us, there was that sweet smile as a final benediction. She left one daughter, Mrs. Susan Richardson, who has been her faithful attendant.
The funeral services were held Monday, April 25, at her late home, Rev. A. W. L. Nelson of the M. E. church officiating. The remains were placed in the family lot in the Walton cemetery, and the grave was covered with flowers given by the many friends and neighbors.
D. A. R.
The Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., held its annual meeting on May 2. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Annetta W. Merrill, regent; Mrs. Edwin R. Richardson, vice-regent; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald, rec. sec.; Mrs. Lucy B. Page, cor. sec.; Mrs. Marshall Merrill, sec.; Mrs. Florence G. Slaney, clerk; Mrs. Eljah A. Reed, Mrs. Edna L. Tarbell, Mrs. Harriet E. Gutterson, Mrs. Erbert A. Williams, Mrs. Fredrick E. Baneroff, Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton, directors.
The officers and the various standing committees made reports of the work accomplished during the year just closed. The treasurer reported all bills paid and money in the treasury.
In the absence of the regent, which was much regretted by the chapter, Mrs. Richardson presided. After the business of the day was finished the daughters enjoyed a social hour as the guests of their hospitality committee.
As everybody knows the chapter maintains the flagpole and floats the national emblem, believing it an impressive way of teaching us to re-

member events and lives that have helped to make us a great nation. Some time ago the chapter placed in every schoolroom in town a flagbook, giving a short account of the event for which the flag is displayed. We are wondering if all the boys and girls are able to tell why the flag is floating when they see it.
A Fitting Service.
The public memorial service to Dr. Samuel W. Fletcher, held in Prescott hall on Monday evening, May 2, were very interesting and gave expression to the true appreciation of the great loss to our town.
The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the selectmen, H. W. Hutchinson. Prayer was said by Rev. Nelson. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge presented the resolutions drawn up by the committee. Selectman Chas. H. Miller followed with very appropriate remarks of the loss to the town and the doctor's heroic work, particularly when epidemics raged in town. Mr. Miller made a motion that these resolutions become a part of the town records, that copies be sent to the local papers, and also to Mrs. James W. Smith, Dr. Fletcher's daughter in London, England.
Dr. Qua then spoke fittingly and seconded the motion, which was voted unanimously. Miss C. M. Shattuck read an original poem, which is here printed:
DR. FLETCHER.
A true and sincere man! With open mind,
And heart all crystal-clear, he faced
his light,
For though it pained him, still with steadfast gaze,
As on the sun, he dared look on the
No ear he stopped, although the voice
divine
bade him walk onward in an untired
way.
Such faith in God was his, he could
not doubt,
The star of truth must lead toward
the day.
Stern was he in the battle for the
right,
With foot that faltered not, though
hard the path:
The fire of love for man that warmed
his soul,
Against all wrong, could flame with
virtuous wrath.
Yet gentle was he as a little child,
And in his tender, sympathetic heart,
Weakness and sorrow found a hiding-
place.
No pang of others, but he felt the
smart.
He loved his home, as needle to the
pole,
Turn never true on whatever sea men
roam,
So to his fireside turned his constant
heart.
No spot to him so blessed as his home,
Yet from his home as from a central
sun,
His love for man o'er all the earth
outshone:
No earnest cause appealed to him in
vain.
That hoped to lead the old earth up
and on again.
But we would not now recall him if
for him
For his work on earth is finished, who
would dare
To call him down again from his high
flight.
And yet, oh friends! it is such men
as he
That makes the earth seem empty when
they leave.
That he was such, is our comfort now,
And yet 'tis for this very cause we
grieve.
The sting of death remains when all
For it is this—that those we hold so
dear,
No longer walk the ways of life with
us
We want them happy but we want
them here.
When all is said and done we come to
this:
Though needs be round us and tears
dim our way,
We still trust that he who makes the
night
Will lead us through it to the coming
day.
We'll hold his loving memory in our
heart,
We'll follow in the pathway that he
well
We'll make each day another step
The way
leading up to him and
E. F. Harmon made a few remarks,
followed by A. R. Paull. The meeting
was then dissolved by the chairman.
On the platform with the speakers
was town clerk, P. J. Kemp, who was
secretary of the meeting, selectman,
F. G. Hayes, Waldo Spaulding, H. I.
Whipple, Lorenzo P. Blood, Dr. F. W.
Lovejoy and Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson.
RESOLUTIONS.
Whereas, it hath pleased Almighty
God to call to his long home Samuel
W. Fletcher, M. D., of Pepperell, and
Whereas, we citizens of said town
in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
are assembled in executive session
in honor to his memory, who has
thus been taken suddenly from our
midst: Be it therefore resolved,
That we hereby make public record
of our sense of the loss to this com-
munity, caused by the death; that we
hold in highest appreciation his ser-
vice as a citizen of this town and
Commonwealth. In his activities, in
the narrower sphere of public duty,
he had always at heart the physical
and moral uplift of the community, as a
trustee of Lawrence library, during the
past since its beginning, and in other
positions of trust, he has always show-

ed marked efficiency and the most dis-
interested motives in the larger as-
pects of citizenship, his interest was
no less marked. A soldier of the Union
in the Civil War, he gave his best in
self-sacrificing service with conspicu-
ous bravery.
That we hold in grateful remem-
brance and profound appreciation his
skill as a physician, as well as the
homely earnestness and tenderness
of his ministrations to the sick. Few
men, comparatively, were more widely
informed in the things pertaining to
his profession and its allied branches
of science; and his skill in diagnosis
and in surgery was constantly in de-
mand in consultation even after the
period of his active practice.
That as a man, we hold his memory
not only in highest respect and veneration,
but in the sincerest affection, which
is limited in extent only by the limits
of the touch of his life upon ours. A
man of the highest ideals, these ideals
were transmitted to strong, and beauti-
ful facts in his personality. Of un-
blemished character, the purity of his
mind and motives was of that positive
sort which influences for good all those
with whom he came in contact. Of
uncompromising honesty and untarnished
goodness, he yet possessed a public
charity and sympathy as broad as life,
and the humblest or the fallen found in
him a friend and helper. Even above
his place as the knowledge and public
servant, he holds a rank among his
townspeople as a great and good man.
That we extend to his surviving relatives
our heartfelt sympathy in the
sorrow of this separation, especially
to his daughter and her family across
the seas, and particularly to him who
bears his grandfather's name; the joy
of his first great bereavement; to him
we send particular greetings of sympathy,
with the hope that if these ex-
pressions meet his eyes in years to
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And be it resolved, that a receipt
of these resolutions be given to Mrs.
James Walter Smith, the daughter of
Dr. Fletcher, by the secretary of this
meeting; that they be spread upon
the records of the town, and published
in the several newspapers.
Given under our hands this second
day of May, A. D. 1910.
Rev. Robert W. Drawbridge,
Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson,
Chas. M. Shattuck,
A. R. Paull,
Parker J. Kemp,
Committee on resolutions appointed by
the Honorable Board of Selectmen
of Pepperell, Massachusetts.

was placed against the chimney and
from the top of this, with the aid of
a long pole, a hook, to which was
attached the tackle for hoisting the
workmen and material, was laid over
the top of one side of the chimney.
It was, half-past two before the
arrangements were completed, and
Butler took his seat in the boatswain
chair to make the ascent. But scarcely
had the top been reached before the
hook straightened out and the
young man was precipitated to the
roof fifty feet below. A stretcher
was hastily made and the body taken
through an upper window of the mill
to the office where the young man
died about one hour after the fall with-
out regaining consciousness.
The injuries were internal as the
physician found no marks on the body
excepting a slight bruise on the temple.
The young man in his fall struck
with his back and broke off an iron
staple that was fastened in the side of
the chimney four or five feet above the
roof of the engine room and which
held one of the guys to the big whistle.
The hook was rectangular in shape
and made from a five-eighths iron rod.
Young Butler, who was only sixteen
and one-half years old, seemed to
have a premonition that all would
not be well with him, for it took some
persuasion on the part of the contractor
to overcome the young man's reluctance
to make the ascent.
The body was taken to the morgue
at the Centre where it remained till
Thursday afternoon, when the widowed
mother came and took the remains
to Ayer.

SHIRLEY.
Altruism.
The Altruism held a very pleasant
meeting at their room Thursday after-
noon. The vice-president, Mrs. Martha
A. Holden presiding, the president
being called away to attend the fun-
eral of a relative. Meeting opened
at three p. m. by singing, Miss Grace
M. Kilburn at the piano. After the
business of the hour was concluded,
"Practical application of suggestions
during the year," was discussed. Refer-
ences were made to the different
subjects of the calendar and very in-
teresting remarks were made.
The civic committee was called to
several needed improvements and will
be expected to assist in beautifying
the village looking after the public
lawns, planting trees or any other
needed improvements.
At the next meeting the "Altruism
magazine" will be brought forward
and much interest is shown in the
anticipation of its contents. On the
following Saturday, May 21, the club
have been invited to meet with Mrs.
S. Helen Edgerton at Concord, more
particulars being given later.

LITTLETON.
News Items.
Elbert and Elmar Flagg have bought
out the interests of the canning fac-
tory company and will continue the
present business to which they will
add the manufacture of barrels.
Mr. and Mrs. William Griffiths are
exceedingly anxious about their
daughter, Mrs. Alice Kempton, who
lies critically ill at the Waltham hos-
pital.
The grange entertained the children
at grange hall last Wednesday evening.
New Advertisements
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